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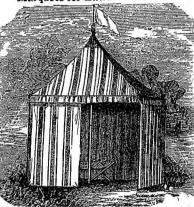
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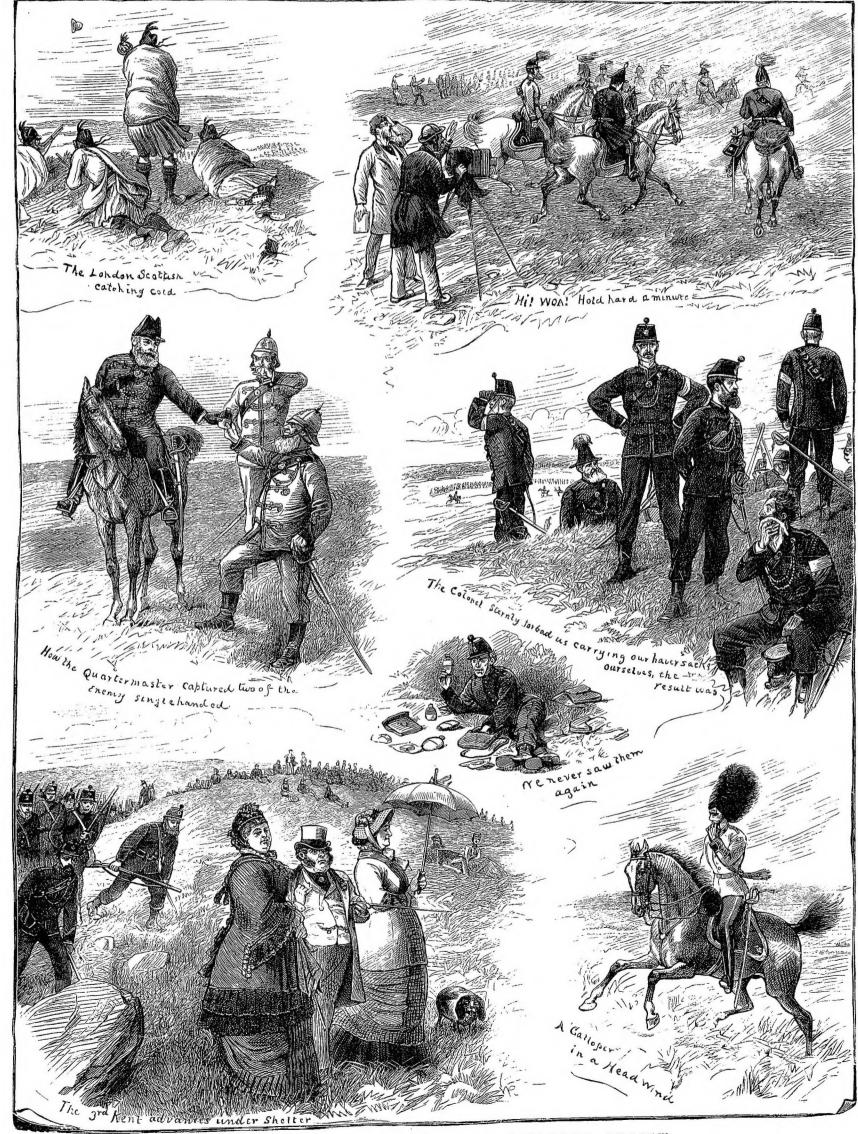
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PRESIDENT GARFIELD.—When it was reported last Saturday evening that the life of the American President had been attempted, people were both astonished and incredulous. They could understand the prejudice which the revolutionary fanatic entertains against the whole fraternity of Kings; but they could not comprehend why he should strike at a magistrate sprung from the people, chosen by the people, and certain to be succeeded by a man of the people. Nor did the murder of Mr. Lincoln afford any precedent. The Southern Confederacy was just then dying, after a tremendous and prolonged struggle, and men's minds were preternaturally excited. To-day no such volcanic agencies are at work, and therefore the foul deed was attributed to an isolated lunatic. Subsequent intelligence, however, showed that this view was only partially correct. There is no evidence, apparently, that Guiteau had any accomplice; but, on the other hand, he is not a genuine madman. He seems to be an ill-conditioned, unprincipled fellow, who has suffered his passions to overmaster him, and who revenged his own disappointment at not obtaining office under the pretext of removing an unpatriotic occupant from the Presidential Chair. Indirectly, the deplorable incident sheds a lurid light on the American patronage system. The agreement that Messrs. Blaine and Conkling should divide the spoils, and the bitter feud which afterwards arose in the Republican party when the President decided to allot certain offices as he thought fit-all this no doubt helped to inflame the excitable and ill-balanced temperament of such a man as Guiteau. To Europeans the American system of rewarding political fidelity with Government berths seems both indefensible and absurd; but it is, we must suppose, suited to American tastes, and, although it has indirectly led to the attempted assassination of a highlyesteemed Chief Magistrate, it will probably survive for many With regard to the victim himself, whose life now hangs in the balance, he fully deserves that heartfelt sympathy which makes the sick chamber at Washington a centre of attraction, not for Americans only, but for men of all nations, ourselves especially. Herein lies the only redeeming point in this dismal business. In spite of past quarrels and misunderstandings, a pair of cousins cannot but be melted into friendship, as they stand at the bedside of one for whom they feel an almost equal solicitude.

IRELAND AND THE BESSBOROUGH COMMISSION,-It can hardly have been expected either by the supporters or by the opponents of the Government that the attack of the Duke of Argyll on the Bessborough Commission would be so effective. His exposure of the incompetence of that body was complete and crushing. Whether or not its members began their labours with a determination to prove the expediency of the Three F's, there can be no doubt that they accepted evidence without any attempt to test its real character, and that in their report they gave a very misleading account of the position of large classes of Irish Some violent partisans have rushed to the conclusion that since the Bessborough Commission has been shown to be untrustworthy it ought to be admitted that there was no necessity for a Land Bill. This, however, is going a little too fast. The necessity for a Land Bill arises not from isolated facts but from the general state of Ireland. Any one who maintains that a country which is frequently on the verge of rebellion has no real grievances is hardly worth arguing with; he maintains what is disproved by the whole course of history. The Irish are not so very different from their neighbours that we should judge them by a set of principles which would be inapplicable to any other race. For many years after the Union between England and Scotland, the Scottish people were as discontented as the Irish are now; but they became enthusiastic upholders of the Union when the interests of their country were placed on a satisfactory basis; and there is no reason to doubt that the same causes would lead to the same results in Ireland. At the same time it is to be regretted that a Commission which might have put the world in possession of the real facts as to the evils which must be remedied altogether missed it opportunity. It has afforded one more proof that "the wrongs of Ireland" can be properly dealt with, not by impulsive sentimentalists, but only by men of firmness and good sense.

THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.—Those who have not carefully followed the fortunes of our citizen soldiers are recommended to read "The Story of the Volunteers," which appears in another portion of our issue. They will there find that the Volunteer movement, which began upwards of twenty years ago under a justifiable sense of insecurity, was not, as many supposed, a mere outburst of temporary enthusiasm. The Volunteer Force is as full of life and vigour as it ever was, while it more nearly approximates to the drill and discipline of the Regular army than was the case in its earlier days. The Review which is to be held this evening by the Queen under the towers of Windsor Castle will be less instructive from a military point of view than many former Volunteer gatherings, but it will be interesting as showing the zeal and devotion with which the various corps are animated. For

the honour of defiling before their Sovereign, these citizen soldiers will endure much expense, inconvenience, and fatigue. The regiments from the more distant counties will have to leave home some twenty-four hours before the Review begins, and will, even if railway arrangements work smoothly, be under arms for the greater part of two days. July is scarcely the best month to choose for such a display, but in these matters the poor Volunteers are at the mercy of people bigger than themselves, and these persons are not always so considerate as they might be. If the phenomenal heat of the earlier part of the week had continued, the consequences might have been very serious; for a Volunteer army, consisting in great part of men whose avocations are indoor and sedentary, cannot be expected to possess the hard grit of regular trained soldiers. Yet the sham fight of Aldershot on Monday proved fatal to several of our regulars, and injured many others. If the bigwigs who manage the army possessed a little more of that uncommon quality called common-sense, they would surely, even at the risk of disappointing some of their distinguished visitors, have put off the Aldershot Manœuvres till the weather became cooler. Let us hope that our Volunteer brethren at Windsor will enjoy the perfection of an English summer day-a genial sun, a balmy breeze, and perhaps a shower or two just to lay the dust.

AMERICA AND IRISH AGITATORS. --- Some of Mr. Gladstone's supporters regret his decision to bring to the attention of the American Government the proceedings of the wilder class of Irish agitators in the United States. These misgivings do not seem to be shared by the English people generally. The boasts of Mr. O'Donovan Rossa may be to a great extent disregarded; but, if we may trust the Philadelphia correspondent of The Times, they are not, perhaps, altogether without foundation. According to this authority, "there is no doubt whatever that Rossa's organisation collects money for the purpose of committing the outrages that are heard of every few days in Ireland; that it equips agents for the purpose; and that its leaders glory in every cable telegram that announces an attack on a public building or national ship." If this is true, it is not only the right but the duty of the British Government to intervene; and we may hope that it will not intervene in vain. In America a great deal of sympathy is expressed with the Irish people, partly because of the importance of the Irish vote, partly because the Americans really believe that Ireland is cruelly treated by England. The inhabitants of the United States, however, are scarcely likely to be of opinion that the best way of securing reform is to shoot landlords and blow up public buildings. They have been reminded once more by painful experience to what extremities a madman or a fanatic may be driven by political excitement; and they will doubtless sanction stern dealings with ruffians who prepare to commit crime in the name of humanity, whether the object of these preparations be at home or abroad.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.—Clergymen and others who have much dealings with poor people have constantly noted these two facts, that labourers and mechanics are very fond of joining Friendly Societies, and that these Societies are often in a very rotten condition. In a country where so much is left to private enterprise, we can scarcely go so far as to forbid the existence of any Benefit Clubs except under State supervision. We can, however, say to these Benefit Clubs, "If you please, you can register your associations, but this registration must be coupled with the condition that your books are properly audited." Provision is made for this arrangement under an Act passed in 1875, but it would appear that the auditing of the books is not so genuine as it ought to be, and that, lax as Parliament intentionally made the obligation for fear of frightening the Friendly Societies, the greater number of them remain unregistered. The apparent inference to be derived from this is that a large proportion of these unregistered Societies are not really solvent, and that the members, to use a Scriptural expression, "love to have it so." The reason for their blindness seems to be this: They flinch from the sound doctrine that the subscription to a Sick and Burial Club should be sufficiently ample to cover each individual's average demands on the club till he dies. Most of the original members of a club are young men, sickness is rare, death still rarer; so, instead of making provision for the dark days of old age, they merrily at periodical intervals divide the surplus funds, and trust to fresh young blood coming in, and thus furnishing funds to pay t allowances when they in their turn become elderly and invalidish. We have said nothing about defaulting secretaries, although they are common enough. The result of all this foolish or fraudulent management is that the club often breaks up just when it is most needed, and the principle of thrift is sorely discouraged, for a man not unnaturally says, "Rather than have my money muddled away like this, I prefer to put it down my throat in the form of beer."

DOGMATIC FREE TRADERS.—It has often been said of the English people that they are less accessible to what are called ideas than almost any other of the progressive nations. If there is any truth in this, it cannot certainly be added that they are easily persuaded to abandon ideas which they have adopted. Many years of agitation were needed to convince them of the virtues of Free Trade; but, having accepted Mr. Cobden's system, they immediately regarded it as a creed

rather than as a body of doctrine about which there might be differences of opinion. Any one who ventures to argue for a modification of our Free Trade policy is looked upon by thoroughgoing Free Traders with a mixture of pity and contempt, and he may think himself well off if he is not set down by some of them as either a fool or a knave. We are not going to discuss the question whether Free Trade, or Pro. tection, or a middle way between them, is best; but we may venture to assert that those who claim to have inherited Mr. Cobden's spirit do not promote their cause by extravagant dogmatism. Mr. Cobden may have been a very wise man: but, after all, some of his most confident predictions have not been verified. He contended that if England would adopt Free Trade, all nations would soon follow her example; whereas the prospects of the Protectionists in the larger part of the civilised world never seemed to be brighter than at the present moment. And, what is of still more importance, Protectionist countries like France and the United States are prosperous, whereas English commerce has been for a long time in a depressed condition, and shows but few and fitful signs of revival. These facts may not prove that we have been going on a wrong path; but they are surely striking enough to justify the opponents of Mr. Cobden's views in demanding that the subject shall be debated in a calm and impartial spirit. It is said that many workmen are beginning to doubt whether Free Trade in its existing form is compatible with the interests of their class. We do not know how far this is true; but, if it has any foundation, Free Traders will be compelled by and by to abandon the affectation of possessing principles that are beyond the possibility of dispute.

THE BRIGHTON RAILWAY TRAGEDY. The inquest on poor Mr. Gold has afforded keen interest to a sensation-loving public, but it is generally felt to be a misfortune that none of the persons who could throw some light on the ghastly drama enacted between Merstham and Balcombe Tunnels are forthcoming. Mr. Gold's lips are sealed by the inexorable hand of Death; the "countryman," by whom Mr. Mapleton says he was assaulted, mysteriously disappeared before reaching Preston; and, lastly, Mr. Mapleton himself, though he ought to have known that the Coroner would be particularly glad to hear his evidence, has never yet returned from that visit which he said he should make to Dr. Cressy. We commented last week on the want of smartness shown by the police in not taking care to keep Mapleton within reach, but now that Sergeant Holmes has given his evidence he shows himself to be a detective officer of such marvellous unsuspiciousness that he would make a good character in opera bouffe. He admits that he thought Mapleton a lunatic, he hears on his way to Croydon with him of the terrible discovery in Balcombe Tunnel, he knows that Mapleton gives a false number to the watch which he alleges to be his own, and yet, even when the telegram comes to hand saying "Detain him," instead of engaging amateur help at once to watch the house back and front, he waits till the other policemen arrive, by which time the alleged delinquent has had a long start of his pursuers. In some respects every day diminishes the chance of Mapleton's capture, as the watchfulness of the police naturally becomes gradually relaxed. One hopes he may be found, if only to save annoyance to the innocent persons who are being constantly arrested by mistake, and to put an end to the flood of suggestions which fools and bores send to the authorities.

THRIFT AND EDUCATION.—The Education Department has issued a circular to the teachers of Board Schools, urging the necessity of teaching children habits of thrift. Nobody can find fault with this as "unpractical;" but if good results are to be achieved, the Education Department will have to do more than issue a circular, since many of the teachers themselves (unless they are very different from the majority of their neighbours) are likely to be anything but models in this respect for their pupils. It is probably not going too far to say that the English are the least thrifty people in the world. Many an English workman wastes in a single year on beer alone what would seem wealth to the workmen of other countries; but it is not only among the working classes that unthrifty habits are to be found. They pervade all classes; and, of course, the result is that an income which would be considered handsome in France or Germany is regarded as a miserable pittance in England. The causes, no doubt, lie deep in the national character; but one cause appears to be the common notion that thrift is the mark of a sordid nature, whereas it would be nearer the truth to say that the most generous people are almost invariably those who have the strongest dislike to unnecessary expenditure. If the evil could be conquered, the problem of pauperism, which now seems almost insoluble, would probably soon solve itself. Direct lessons on thrift would unquestionably be of some advantage, if steadily encouraged by the Education Department and its inspectors; but we have more faith in the indirect effect of general mental cultivation. A really educated community would disapprove of the absolute waste of money because they would see that it is both stupid and vulgar.

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### THE VOLUNTEERS

NOTES AT A BRIGHTON REVIEW

Were taken by our artist last Easter Monday, when the day, though fine, was disagreeably "blowy," very dusty, and uncomfortably chilly when you happened to get into the shade. The havresack question is always a burning one on these occasions; the eccentric way in which they are lost or misappropriated, and the consequent disappointment and sufferings of the men being notorious. The order at Windsor to-day, however, is "every man for himself," which is after all the most sensible solving of the difficulty. The sketch of the 3rd Kent advancing under shelter is hardly an exaggeration, for the sightseers, as a rule, greatly hamper the movements of the various corps, and have a good deal to answer for on the head of destroying the military value of the operations. There is a story on record of a gallant corps that blazed away all its ammunition in a flank attack on the populace, which it mistook for the enemy—much to the amazement of the umpire, who ordered these too-zealous riflemen "out of action."

### NOTES AT A FIELD DAY

May be considered as illustrating the manners of a country rather than a London force, where the cheerful familiarity between officers and men, depicted by the artist, is very rarely if ever found, excepting, perhaps, when "standing easy," and not actually at "attention," as they should be in this case. The last of the sketches gives a good idea of the unforeseen obstacles and difficulties which are apt to present themselves to skirmishers when on strange ground. ground.

### ENGINEERS AT CHATHAM

THE annual camp of this branch of the force was held during the ensurements of friendly arms with all speed and facilitating the movements of friendly arms with all speed and safety, and impeding and obstructing the advance of an enemy—operations of the structure of the structure. impeding and obstructing the advance of an enemy-operations of impeding and obstructing the advance of an enemy—operations of equally vital importance to an attacking or defending army. It is impossible to over-value the necessity of a foreknowledge of the various phases of Engineering, in which precision and speed are absolutely requisite, and the fortnight's training at Chatham is consequently of the greatest use and benefit. The programme included the defensive work on what is now known as the New Ravelin, forming blinded gun embrasures, bomb and splinter-proof casemates, shelters, and magazines, &c., with the attendant details of breastworks, faces, gabions, &c. Here, too, was practised bridging—both with single and double-lock frame bridges—and the protection of four of the inner defence works; while trestle and floating bridging was practised on the Upnor side of the Medway. Demolition, first described in the Royal Engineers' modelshed, was demonstrated upon some of the work done with the aid of those dangerous but useful allies, gun-cotton and electricity. of those dangerous but useful allies, gun-cotton and electricity. Though this—excepting, perhaps, the Artillery—is the most exacting and hardworking branch of the Service, everything went off satisfactorily; the discipline, indeed, being so severe as somewhat to trouble the Regulars who were present.

### THE NEW MARYLEBONE INFIRMARY

A VAST building, crowned with a scries of towers, has been rising for the last two years upon a very conspicuous site, to the extreme north of Notting Hill. The picturesque red-brick tower of St. Charles's College, until a few months back, formed the principal landmark of London in this neighbourhood, but it has now been quite cast into the shade by the very striking steeple of the Marylebone Infirmary. When viewed from the fields between Kensal Green and Notting Hill, the new building presents a very striking appearance, and a still more picturesque view may be obtained from the south-west corner of St. Charles's Square, where the Infirmary, St. Charles's College, and a rather quaint-boking new Convent, form a group which, at sunset, presents quite a Continental form a group which, at sunset, presents quite a Continental

the south-west corner of St. Charles's Square, where the Infirmary, St. Charles's College, and a rather quaint-looking new Convent, form a group which, at sunset, presents quite a Continental appearance.

The architect of the new building, while adopting the newest improvements in hospital building, and sacrificing ornament and architectural effect to convenience, has managed to produce a singularly effective edifice. It consists of four large structures, each containing four wards, and terminating to the north and south in towers used for the purposes of ventilation. These are connected by corridors, open below and glazed above. In the centre are two blocks of buildings, also connected by corridors with those containing the wards—that to the south, facing Rackham Street, consists of a bold gateway, with a Gothic chapel above it, and that facing north forms the laundry, drying-rooms, &c. This is backed up by the great tower, a remarkably striking feature, containing the great tank, so that in case of fire an immense supply of water can be at once obtained. The drying-room, with its open unglazed arcades, is very picturesquely treated.

The internal fittings and arrangements are everything that they ought to be, and those who wish to study economy in time, fuel, and labour will receive a valuable lesson from a visit to the kitchen and laundry. The wards are cheerful, airy, excellently ventilated, and yet capable of being thoroughly well warmed. We are glad to see that the four courts, which the buildings, together with the external railings enclose, are being laid down with grass and adorned with ornamental shrubs and flowers, and it reflects the highest credit upon the authorities of the parish of Marylebone. We are informed that the cost of the whole building was 112,000.4, and, large as such a sum may appear, it is reasonable enough when the vast size of the building is taken into account, and the excellence of the workmanship, which is everywhere conspicuous, for although everything is plain, yet all is cons

### THE TRANSVAAL-GENERALS WOOD AND BULLER SERENADED

OUR sketch depicts General Wood and Buller lunching on May OUR sketch depicts General Wood and Buller lunching on May 17th at a German mission station at Projensky, situated near "Muller's Pass," by which the Boers came to oppose Sir Evelym Wood when he made his forced march up the country. In the distance may be seen the Biggarsberg and "Leo Kop." As the Generals sat in the broad verandah, the mission bell was sounded, and some thirty children collected outside—the little crowd being composed of Caffres, Basutos, Hottentots, Bushmen, and one Albino. They serenaded their visitors by singing Sankey's hymns, "Come to the Saviour" and "Hold the Fort" (was there any covert irony in the latter?). Caffre hymns followed, then the 23rd Psalm, and finally "God Save the Queen."

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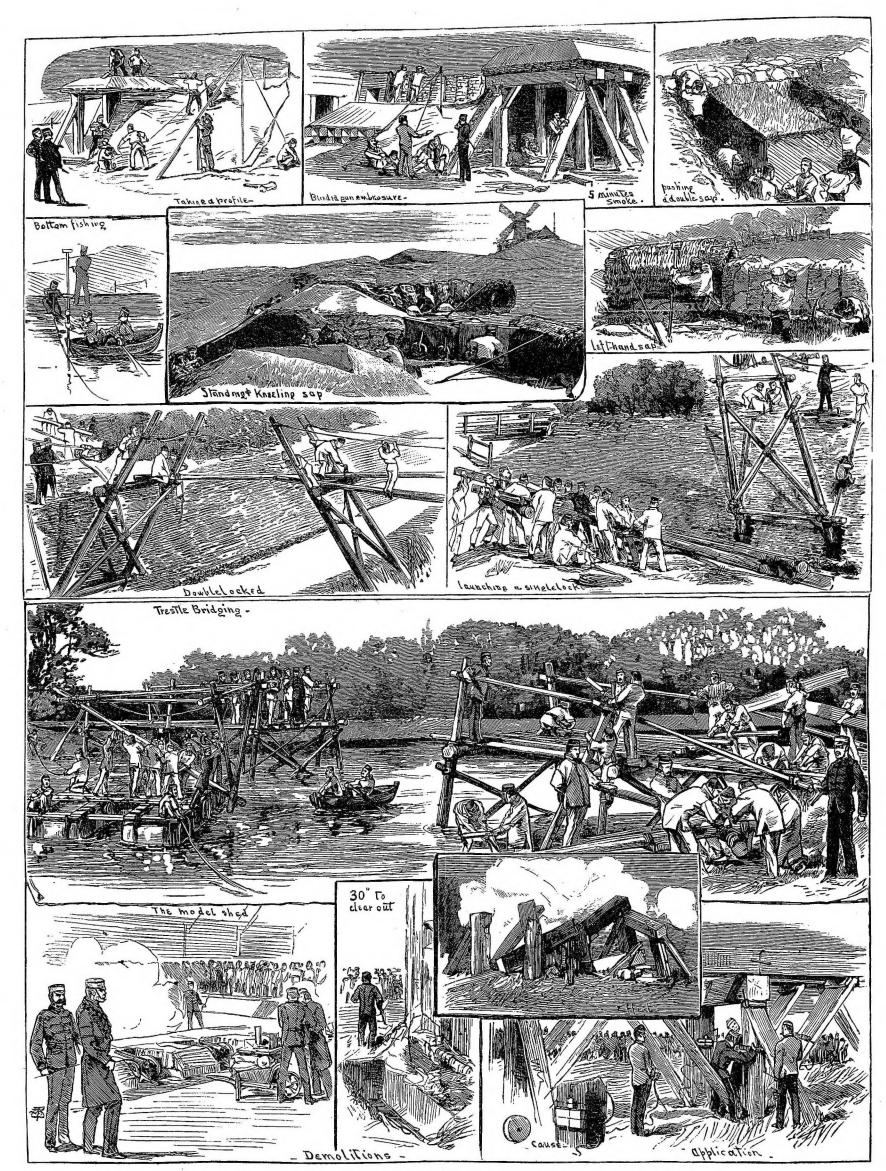
The weather for the Henley contests has often been wet, chilly, and miserable. This year was a glorious exception, and each day the skies were most propitious. The attendance of spectators (especially of the fair sex) both ashore and afloat was immense, and the row boats were so numerous that it was very difficult to keep the course clear. This clearing of the course was, however, partially effected by the use of the steam cowl on board the umpire's launch, a noise being made which resembled that of an Atlantic fog-whistle. The entry list was a very full one, and included, among others, competitors from America, France, and Germany. The United States were represented by the Cornell Navy Boat Club Crew from Ithaca, N.Y., who were accepted as competitors for the Stewards' Challenge Cup, the first heat of which is represented in one of our sketches. Our artist desires to point out that the Americans' stroke oar is on the right, instead of the left-hand side of the boat, as with us. This contest was between the crews of the Thames, London, and Cornell Clubs respectively. Thames won by two lengths, while London beat Cornell for second place by five lengths.

The final heat of the Diamond Challenge Sculls took place on Friday, the competitors being J. Lowndes of Hertford College, Oxford (whose portrait we give), A. Wild, of the Frankfurt Rowing Club, and G. W. Powers, of the London Rowing Club. Powers remained in the rear, at half distance the German was two lengths in advance of the Oxford sculler, but presently the latter drew in front, and, rowing away from the foreigner very fast, won easily in half-a-dozen lengths.

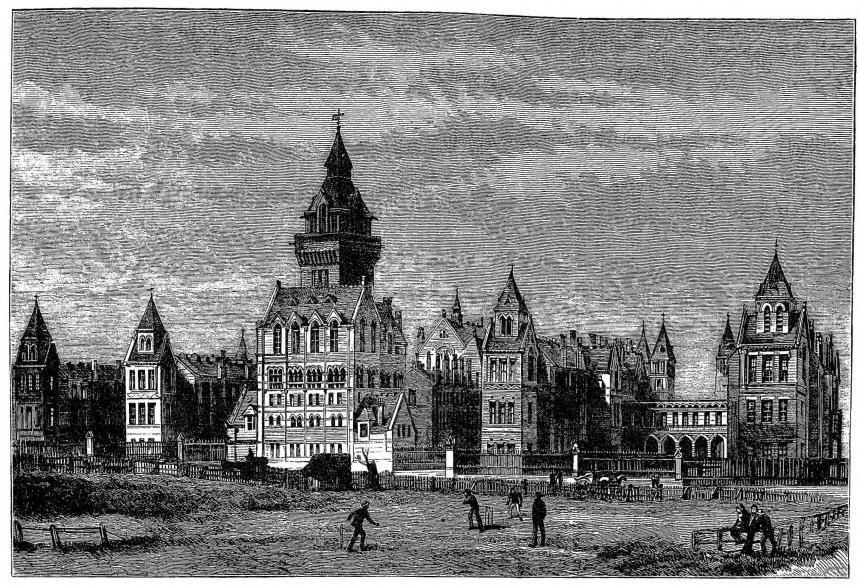
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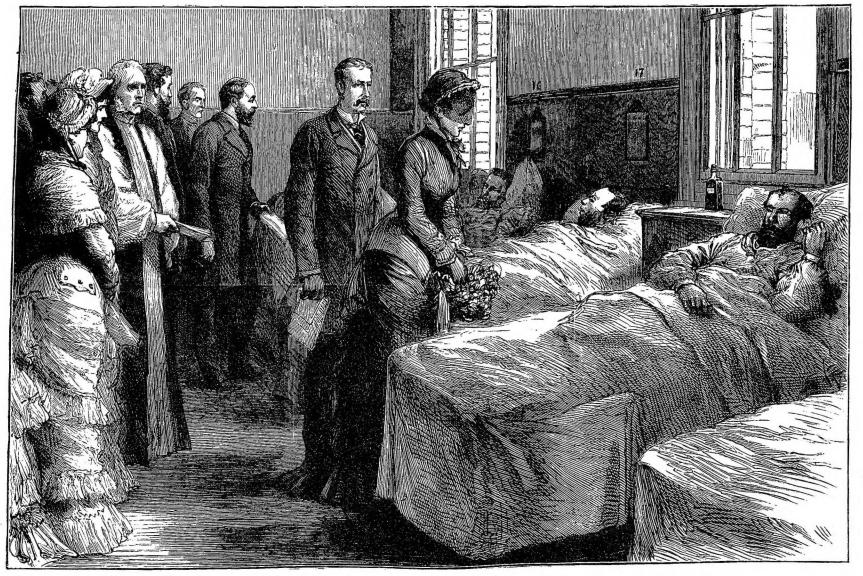
We gave last week a brief account of the manner in which this University was founded, and illustrated the exterior of the building. We may now add that it is calculated that the number of students who may be expected to take advantage of the establishstudents who may be expected to take advantage of the establishment of the College will at least amount to 1,400. The teaching will be conducted by resident professors, non-resident lecturers, and local teachers, and will provide a long course of training, after which the student may receive a certificate. Besides those subjects which are taught in other schools and colleges, the course will include sciences, both pure and applied, to say nothing of the manufacture of cloth, cotton, silk, and lace, weaving, bleaching, dyeing, tanning, and other arts. The opening ceremony on the 30th ult, was exceedingly simple. The Duke of Albany drove over from Bestwood Lodge, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of St. Alban's, the Duke of Portland, and Earl Spencer, and escorted by a troop of the South Notts Yeomanny. On his arrival he was received by the Mayor and Sheriff of Nottingham, the Bishop Suffragan, and Mr. Mundella, M.P. The Mayor read an address of welcome, to which the Prince replied, and after passing an address of welcome, to which the Prince replied, and after passing through the building, the Duke of Albany returned to the main entrance and declared the College open for the benefit of the inhabitants of the borough. A luncheon in the Albert Hall followed,



THE VOLUNTEERS-ENGINEERS IN CAMP AT CHATHAM



EXTERIOR OF THE NEW BUILDINGS



THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS VISITING THE WARDS

OPENING OF THE NEW MARYLEBONE INFIRMARY BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES

at which the Prince proposed the toast of the day, "Success to the University College, Nottingham."

### VICTORIA GARDEN, WESTMINSTER

THE necessity which exists in our large cities of throwing open and preserving as public places of recreation certain spaces of ground, has during the past few years resulted in much practical good, and it is consoling to find that the movement so well commenced still continues. The fine space of ground now called "Victoria Garden," Westminster, which was thrown open to the public about three weeks back, is a most valuable and ornamental addition to the pleasure grounds of the metropolis. It is situated immediately to the west of the Houses of Parliament, and possibly the Victoria Tower, which forms such a prominent object in this view of the Palace of Westminster, may have influenced the authorities in giving the name to the new garden. The site is not without considerable historical interest. Until within a year or two back it was covered with mean streets, alleys, and a public-house called "The Chequers," but in former times it formed a part of the gardens of Peterborough House, if in fact that mansion itself did not stand upon this very site. A little stream formerly entered the Thames here, and it is said that the Empress Matilda erected the first stone bridge in or near London, across this little rivulet. THE necessity which exists in our large cities of throwing open

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Victoria Garden is simply but effectively laid out and planted, and the fine views obtained from it of the Houses of Parliament, West-minster Abbey, the Thames, and Lambeth Palace, make it a very agreeable lounge and recreation ground for the people of the neighbourhood.

### PRESIDENT GARFIELD

We have given elsewhere an account of the attempted assassination of the President of the United States, and we published a biography of General James Abraham Garfield in No. 572, Nov. 13th, 1880, at the time of his election; so that we need do no more than remind our readers that he is a man of fifty, and that he has risen to his present position by his coyn intelligence, and untiring perseverance. at the time of his election; so that we need do no more than remind our readers that he is a man of fifty, and that he has risen to his present position by his own intelligence and untiring perseverance. Originally a mule driver on the Ohio Canal, he subsequently, by dint of hard study, became a schoolmaster, and on the outbreak of the Civil War was appointed Colonel of an Ohio regiment. In 1863 he entered Congress, and in January of last year was elected to the Senate. Since his election as President last November he has pursued a steady Republican policy, maintaining the theory of sound currency, and declining to bow to the dictation of the Conkling party in the matter of whom he should or should not nominate to the various posts in his gift. It was concerning the appointment to the collectorship of the New York Customs that he recently quarrelled with ex-Senator Conkling. The latter resigned his Senatorship in order to offer himself for re-election, so as to be able to oppose the President, unbound by any promise to his electors to support the existing Administration. The result has been a desultory contest for the vacant post which has disorganised Republican circles for the past few weeks. President Garfield is deservedly popular with the majority of his countrymen, and there is no doubt that he is a conscientious and upright man, who earnestly desired to reform the present corrupt system of awarding remunerative posts, not to the most capable candidate, but to political supporters. President Garfield, in 1857, married Miss Lucretia Rudolph, who had been a fellow-student with him at Williams College, and has five children. A recent biographer describes him as "more than six feet in height, with broad shoulders, a massive head, and a robust physical constitution." In this last lies the greatest hope of his recovery.

### VICE-PRESIDENT ARTHUR

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General Chester A. Arthur is the same age as President Garfield, having been born in 1831 in Albany. Educated for the law, he graduated, and was admitted to the Bar early in life. He subsequently entered into partnership, and began business as a New York lawyer, gained considerable celebrity by his connection with the Lemmon Stone case, and is now at the head of a leading firm in that city (Arthur, Philips, Knevals, and Ransom). From his boyhood he was fond of politics, and was a Republican from the time the party was organised, always taking a leading part in State and city politics. During the war he was Quartermaster-General of the State of New York. Under General Grant's Presidency he was appointed in 1872 Collector of the Port of New York, but in 1878 was removed by President Hayes because he was accused of being in the way of the success of the reform of the Civil Service. Being a warm personal friend of Senator Conkling, he has managed much of his political business, and, indeed, has been recently helping him considerably in his efforts to ensure his re-election, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Conkling in reality was fighting against President Garfield.—Our portrait is from a photograph.

THE ST. PANCRAS SMALL-POX ENCAMPMENT

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Ar the outbreak of the present small-pox epidemic in London, the various metropolitan sanitary authorities were considerably at a loss to know how to provide hospital accommodation for all classes of patients, for no room existed for those who could or could not now. The result of the Hampstood Hamiltonian not pay. The result of the Hampstead Hospital case practically prohibited them from erecting temporary hospitals in the metropolis, while the existing accommodation was totally insufficient. polis, while the existing accommodation was totally insufficient. Amongst several schemes which were propounded was that of a tent hospital—similar to that which has been so successfully tried at Grantham; and with commendable energy the St. Pancras Vestry, following the advice of their Vestry Clerk and Medical Officer of Health at once determined to establish an encampment in a district where there could practically be no danger of communicating inlexion to the neighbourhood, provided every care were taken with this object. Accordingly the loan was procured of a portion of the ground belonging to the Barial Board, and adjoining the Cemetery at Finchley, and there in a very short time a complete camp of ward tents, kitchens, laundries, nurses' tents, &c., was pitched. The scheme had two special advantages to recommend itself:—sconomy—the tents being very inexpensive when compared with even a temporary wood or brick building—and the healthy conditions which it afforded for the treatment of the disease; for while warmth could be insured by means of double skins and hot water pipes running through the ward tents, perfect ventilation could also be obtained. Indeed it is a well-known fact that gunshot and other wounds fare better when treated in a field-tent hospital than in a building. Our illustrations well-known fact that gunshot and other wounds fare better when treated in a field-tent hospital than in a building. Our illustrations represent the chief features of the encampment, or, rather, as the authorities euphemistically term it, "The St. Pancras Sanitarium." Thus Nos. 3 and 5 give the general external appearance. Opening into the road which skirts the enclosure is a gate furnished with a board warning passers-by that there is "No admittance except on business." Close by is a bell, the ringing of which brings out the hospital porter from his tent. The hospital tents themselves are surrounded by awall of palings. No. 2 gives a view of the camp a ter entering the gates of the hoarding. The tent on the extreme right is Ward No. 2, for women, and that to the left is the sleeping tent of the nursing staff. The small huts between are of wood, and contain the hot water apparatus with which each pair of tents tent of the nursing staff. The small huts between are of wood, and contain the hot water apparatus with which each pair of tents is warmed. No. 4 shows another portion of the enclosure. On the left is the tent of the resident medical officer, and next is one of the male ward-tents, with some convalescent patients sitting outside. No. 1 is taken from outside the hoarding, and shows the laundry and the new kitchen, the old kitchen being in the distance within the palings. The laundry is of wood with brick corners, and is as complete in its arrangements as a close regard for economy enabled it to be. The kitchen walls are of regard for economy enabled it to be. The kitchen walls are of corrugated zinc.

No. 7 shows the interior of a male ward. The ward tents, of which there are three pairs, hold eight beds each, thus making a total of forty-eight beds. The tents are placed end to end in pairs, so that each ward practically contains sixteen beds. They casist of a double canvas skin, they are all floored, the planks in the living tents being varnished. The bedsteads are of iron, with a plain flock mattrass, and the furniture throughout is of the most simple and inexpensive description. The sketch of the matron on a wet day speaks for itself. The whole of the tents for this camp, as well as the warming apparatus, &c., were supplied by Messrs. Piggott Brothers, 59, Bishopsgate Street Without. Messrs. Piggott also supplied a number of the tents in the Darenth Hospital.

### MAN-HUNTING IN THE LONDON PARKS

ONE day a friend at the Club laid before me a visiting-card, on the back of which was written: "Messrs. Blank and Co.'s Man-Hounds will meet, weather permitting, on Saturday next, at 9 A.M. at the — Club, and run round St. James's Park and the Green Park."

My curiosity was aroused, and I resolved to be present. At night I dreamt of slaves pursued through Dismal Swamps by bloodhounds whose jaws were stained with gore, and when on the eventful morning I walked to the place of rendezvous, my imagination conceived such a scene as is depicted in the upper part of the illustration.

I saw the hounds going "at score," their wide nostrils sniffing up the "burning scent." Then came a check, enabling the field to keep the hunt in sight. I saw the "fox" running steadily with anxious backward glances over his shoulder; I saw the last desperate rush, as, with panting chest, he sought, not a second too soon, the welcome security of some lofty tree.

Now for the reality. Presently the hounds appeared, trotting up Pall Mall, and in St. James's Palace Yard we found the "fox," who was despatched on his course after his boot-soles had been smeared with oil of aniseed. Twenty minutes' start was allowed him, and then the hounds were put upon the scent. They took it up at once, and, with nostrils to the ground and tails in the air, went across the Mall and into St. James's Park, while we followed at a steady run.

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But the excitement was short-lived. The foremost hound, alas! had his attention diverted from the line of scent by the superior attractions of the base of a lamp-post, and he was shortly joined by the other two. After a minute investigation of the lamp-post, they consented to take up the fox again, but in a languid, half-hearted manner. Presently, they again neglected the claims of duty to make friends with a tiny black dog, who at first displayed abject terror, but, afterwards plucking up a spirit, snapped with a querulous yelp at Llewellyn's nose, whereupon that formidable hound meekly withdrew. Next came a little girl with a bun in her hand. She bestowed fragments on the hounds, who with pleading eyes and slobbering chaps waited on her every movement. This was too much for the Master's temper, which he had kept till now. He shouted, and perhaps it was as well that I was too far off to hear what he shouted. Eventually, we got back to Pall Mall and found the fox seated on the Clab-steps. the fox seated on the Club-steps.

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The failure of the enterprise was thus explained. The hounds had got back on the old scent, and were working in a circle, the "fox" had never run before, the aniseed was bought at a strange chemist's, and Llewellyn had a cold in his head.

I am bound in justice to add that in a second run round the Green Park the hounds showed how steadily and scientifically they could track their quarry, and I am since credibly informed that my imaginary ideal of what a man-hunt should be, is, with the exception of the "finish," not far from the reality usually attained.

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### TROOPS RE-EMBARKING AT PORT NATAL

WHATEVER may be the verdict of future historians regarding our method of treating the Boer difficulty, it is certain that the policy of our Government in throwing up the sponge after the Majuba defeat did not commend itself to the redcoats who had been sent out expressly to fight and conquer those valiant Dutch-Huguenot marksmen. Here we see our soldiers re-embarking, after doing little more than the proverbial King of France, who marched up a hill and then down again. The disappointment of the poor fellows is doubtless rendered more atrabilious by the shaking and drenching which they are getting from the pitiless surf. Port Natal is the best sheltered harbour between from the pitiless surf. Port Natal is the best sheltered harbour between Table Bay and Delagoa Bay when you are once inside. But, as is usual in South Africa, there is a bar at the entrance, and on this bar the breakers beat as fiercely as at Madras. Lady Barker, in her "Year's Housekeeping in South Africa," thus vividly describes the inconveniences of entering Port Natal:—"We trip our anchor, and rush at the bar. All hands are on deck, and on the alert, for the next five minutes hold a peril in every second. 'Stand by for spray' sings out somebody, and we do stand by, luckily for ourselves, for 'spray' means the top of two or three waves. Now we go at the sings our someoody, and we do stand by, luckily for ourselves, for 'spray' means the top of two or three waves. Now we go at the bar! Scrape, scrape, scrape! 'We've struck!' 'No, we haven't!' 'Helm hard down!' 'Over!' And so we are: among the breakers, it is true, but we keep right on, and presently we get into calm water under the green hills of the Bluff."

### A PEOPLE'S BAND IN HYDE PARK

THE band of the People's Entertainment Society plays every evening in the week in one of the Parks. It is made up of old members of the Guards' Bands, and is supported by voluntary contributions, and by the sale of programmes and letting of chairs within the enclosures. The platforms have been erected for their accommodation by the Board of Works. Our sketch represents the band in Hyde Park on a Saturday evening. The platform is situated on the north-eastern corner of the River Serpentine. The Secretary of the Society is Mr. John Maude Crament, Brompton Square, S.W.

### CONSERVATIVE BANQUET AT ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB

On the evening of Friday, June 24th, a banquet took place at St. Stephen's Club, and was preceded by the unveiling of a portrait of the late Earl of Beaconsfield. The Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., and Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., were the guests of the club, and were received by the Committee in the Library, and, after club, and were received by the Committee in the Library, and, after being introduced to the members of the Club in the Morning Room, Lord Dartmouth led the way to the Dining Room, which had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion by H. Gundry, of Buckingham Gate, S.W. Stopping opposite the portrait of Lord Beaconsfield, recently finished by Mr. H. Weigall for the Club, his lordship drew back the curtains in front of the portrait, making at the same time some appropriate remarks, which were much applauded, on the character and career of its great original. The portrait was time some appropriate remarks, which were much appliatued, on the character and career of its great original. The portrait was much admired by all who saw it, and is an excellent likeness. This done, he led the guests to their seats at the table. After dinner, the Chairman, Lord Dartmouth, gave the usual loyal and patriotic Chairman, Lord Dartmouth, gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, and then the members present were treated to two eloquent speeches, by Lord Salisbury and Sir Stafford Northcote, which, owing to the private character of the meeting, were not reported. The Right Hon. H. E. Raikes next gave, "The Conservative Cause," congratulating the St. Stephen's Club upon the good example it had set in being the first to entertain their great leaders, and calling upon Mr. Grantham, Q.C., M.P., to respond. Lord John Manners then followed, with "Success to the Club," which was responded to by Mr. W. G. Harrison, Q.C. The Mayor of Exeter having proposed a vote of thanks to the noble chairman, an enjoyable, and, politically speaking, an important and successful gathering, was brought to a close.



ENGLAND'S SYMPATHY WITH AMERICA.—The absorbing topic of interest in England, as well as in America, during the past week has been the dastardly attempt made last Saturday on the life of the President of the United States. Throughout the country, from all classes, and from the representatives of every shade of opinion, have come expressions of horror and indignation at the crime, sympathy with the American people and the family of the President, and an ardent hope for his recovery. The various bulletins that have been flashed across the Atlantic have been waited for and read with the utmost eagerness. The United States Minister has been deluged with inquiries. Among the first to send sympathetic greetings were the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales. In both Houses of Parliament reference was made to the painful event by the leaders of both parties. In many of the London churches and chapels the outrage was made last Sunday a subject of comment, and special prayers were in many places offered for the recovery of the President. The Americans in London have not passed so sad a Fourth of July since the year when Lincoln fell under the hand of his assassin. A meeting of Americans was held on Tuesday evening at the American Exchange, at which a resolution expressing deep sorrow was passed, and forwarded to Washington. A madman was arrested in Washington on Tuesday, having a revolver in his possession, with which he said it was his intention to shoot Mr. Blaine. The latest account, that the President is progressing favourably, and is likely to recover, has given universal relief. progressing favourably, and is likely to recover, has given universal relief.

THE MURDER ON THE BRIGHTON LINE.—Many arrests in different parts of the country have been made of persons having the misfortune to resemble Lefroy, but the real man is still at large. The police have since the murder been making almost superhuman The police have since the murder been making almost superhuman efforts to retrieve their blunder in liberating him, but in vain. Indeed, by many it is thought that Lefroy has committed suicide, a theory that is supported by the suspicion of insanity that attaches to him on reliable evidence. —The funeral of Mr. Gold, the murdered man, took place on Monday at Lewes Road, Brighton. Upwards of four thousand persons, among whom were the Mayor of Brighton and several members of the Town Council, attended the funeral. —At the inquest on the remains of Mr. Gold, which has been frequently adjourned, little fresh information beyond that published last week has been elicited. The conduct of the police in liberating Lefroy has been severely criticised, and the evidence before the coroner has certainly not been of a kind to make the matter plainer.

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The State of Ireland.—It is especially true of Ireland that no news is good news. At a mass meeting of the Land League held in Dublin on Monday evening, some pretty hard things were said of Old England; but, so long as agitation is confined to speech-making only, there is cause for gratitude. The meeting was ostensibly to celebrate the anniversary of American Independence; but Mr. Sexton, M.P., thought fit to make it a demonstration for Irish Independence. Irishmen rejoiced, he said, at America's independence chiefly because it had been won from England—"a Power the most covetous and at the same time the most ruthless, independence chiefly because it had been won from England—" a Power the most covetous, and at the same time the most ruthless, that ever cursed the earth—England, a Power that never ceded justice except under the influence of fear." The names of Messrs. Gladstone, Bright, and Forster were received with groans.—On the discharge of the brothers Phelan the other day from prison for the charge of complicity in the murder of Mr. Boyd, the prisoners were met by a large crowd, headed by a band, who marched cheering by the house of the father of the murdered man. Mr. Sexton, at another meeting, referring to the slowness with which funds are forthcoming from the Irish farmer for the Land League, told the farmers that a percentage on the abatements of rent procured through the operations of the League might have to be levied.

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MR. BRADLAUGH.—Mr. Bradlaugh's patience under expulsion from the House of Commons has apparently become exhausted. After holding a series of more or less orderly meetings in the provinces, with a view to test public opinion on his case, he has addressed a letter to the Speaker, giving notice that he claims to disregard the order of exclusion passed on the 10th May, on the ground that it is illegal. He gives notice that it is his intention to present himself again at the table of the House, in the manner and at the time provided by the Standing Orders of the House, to complete the fulfilment of the duty imposed on him by law, and in the performance of which, he maintains, he has been most improperly and illegally interrupted and hindered. In view of the threat perly and illegally interrupted and hindered. In view of the threat implied in the letter a few extra policemen and attendants have been "told off" to guard the entrance to the House of Commons. The door-keepers have received instructions to close the doors, as in the case of a division, should he present himself for admission.

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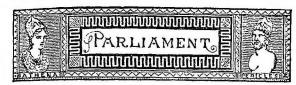
THE ELECTRIC LIGHT advances Northwards. Following the example of London, the authorities in Edinburgh have decided that Princes Street, the North Bridge, and Waverley Bridge shall be lighted with the "Brush" electric light, as an experiment, for three months. Holyrood Palace Square will be lighted in the same way during the Queen's visit to Edinburgh next month. The new torpedo ram H.M.S. Polyphemus is also to be lighted throughout by electricity. by electricity.

THE VOLUNTEERS. -The Wimbledon camp opens to-day THE VOLUNTEERS.—The Wimbledon camp opens to-day (Saturday) and, although there will be the usual keen competition for prizes, it is not expected that so many Volunteers as formerly will be at the opening, owing to the exodus from London to the Great Review at Windsor. It is expected that 51,000 Volunteers will take part in the Windsor Review. No less than four soldiers died from the effects of sunstroke during the military operations at Aldershot last Monday, and many are seriously ill in the hospital.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS. The thunderstorm of Tuesday did much damage to crops and property, and several persons in different parts of the country were killed. At Bradford, Christ Church was struck by lightning, the bell falling into the interior of

OBITUARY.—Dr. Cumming, well-known for his popular preaching, and his prophetical writings, late minister of the National Scotch Church, in Crown Court, Covent Garden, died on Tuesday, at Chiswick, in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

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THE week started cheerfully in the House of Commons by the official abandonment of nearly all the Bills which have figured in the Ministerial programme, with the exception of the Land Bill. This, the lean cow of the Ministerial herd, has swallowed up all the started it much be added them. This, the real cow of the Brinischar here, has swanded up and the rest, and it may be added that up to Monday it scarcely looked any fatter. A week earlier the Premier, questioned on the prospects of the Session, had announced the decision of the Cabinet not to

any fatter. A week earlier the Premier, questioned on the prospects of the Session, had announced the decision of the Cabinet not to proceed with any measures of a controversial nature, always of course excepting the Land Bill. The position and prospect of the various Bills were pretty shrewdly forecast, the only existing doubt lingering round the fate of the Parliamentary Oaths Bill. It was generally understood that a sort of tacit pledge had been given to Mr. Bradlaugh that, in the event of his intermitting his incursions upon the House until after the Land Bill was disposed of, the Bill designed for the relief of himself and possible persons like him should be proceeded with immediately thereafter. On closer reference to the facts it will be found that this is a misconception. In fact, when Mr. Labouchere proposed that such a pledge should be given, Mr. Gladstone indignantly declined to enter upon any bargain. On Monday it was announced that the Parliamentary Oaths Bill would be dropped, and on Tuesday this was accomplished by a formal motion for the discharge of the order for the second reading. Contemporaneously, premonitions of the inevitable storm made themselves known. Mr. Bradlaugh, who is nothing if not orderly, had written a formal letter to the Speaker protesting against the illegality of his expulsion, and announcing that he intended to disregard the resolution solemnly passed by the House, prohibiting his taking his seat. Knowing the remarkable promptness with which Mr. Bradlaugh acts in these circumstances, his arrival in the course of Tuesday was confidently looked for. On former occasions, when he has projected a raid, he has not allowed five minutes to elapse between the striking of the hour and his rapid advance towards the table, sometimes with the Sergeant-at-Arms hanging on to him like a limpet to a rock, at others with his progress unimpeded, except by the threatening figure of Sir Henry Wolff, on guard below the gangway. But he did not appear on Tuesday, though the forces under the comma the command of the Sergeant-at-Arms were in a position equivalent to that which on the review ground follows the order, "Prepare to

to that which on the review ground follows the order, "Prepare to receive cavalry."

Whilst Mr. Bradlaugh by his physical presence did not disturb the orderly procedure of business, the reappearance of his name in the proceedings of the House, by the reading of his communication to the Chair, operated in that direction. Lord Randolph Churchill, a little weary of the monotony of obstructing the Land Bill, was instantly on his feet, wanting to know from the Speaker whether it would be possible for him to move that the letter about to be read should not appear on the journals of the House? This appearing impossible, Lord Randolph, going forward with the progress of events, inquired whether he might not, as a question of privilege, move that the letter be expunged after it had been printed? To this the Speaker answered that it was quite open to him to make such a motion, but not as a matter of privilege. This was a sad blow to Lord Randolph, There is no fun, but rather much disappointment, in an attempt to obtain precedence for a motion in the ordinary way at the ballot-box. If he could only have raised the question as one of privilege he might have occupied the greater part of one of the history depends the the Land Ville. the question as one of privilege he might have occupied the greater part of one of the sittings devoted to the Land Bill. He was so part of one of the sittings devoted to the Land Bill. He was so angry at this ruling that he began to badger the Speaker, after a manner of daily habit when the Chairman of Committees presides. Mr. Gorst, still faithful among the scattered forces of the Fourth Party, loyally came to his support, observing which, Sir Stafford Northcote interposed, and with an air of authority which sat so well upon him that it might well be more habitual, rebuked his young friends below the canoway, and suggested that it would be better

Northcole interposed, and with an air of authority which sat so well upon him that it might well be more habitual, rebuked his young friends below the gangway, and suggested that it would be better for the dignity of the House, and more consonant with respect to the Chair, if the conversation ended. Thereupon, Lord Randolph, unused to this air of authority, immediately subsided.

The troubles of the Leader of the Opposition with this noisy and undisciplined section of his forces are much greater, and, from a party point of view, more serious than the public outside the walls of the House conceive. Probably only a tenth part of Lord Randolph Churchill's flippancies and impertinences appear in the newspapers, which, of course, are not able to give the slightest indication of the offensiveness of his manner. The conduct of the responsible Opposition during the long struggle over the Land Bill has been exactly and honourably in consonance with their declarations. They have repudiated factious opposition to the Bill, whilst claiming their right fully to discuss it. But Mr. Chaplin and Lord Randolph Churchill have taken the reins out of the placid hands of Sir Stafford Northcote, and have driven the Opposition coach into all sorts of perilous places.

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What took place on Tuesday in respect of the seventh clause was enough to make the consummate leader recently lost turn in his grave. The seventh clause is by general acknowledgment the backbone of the Bill. Taken out, the whole measure would become a limp and inert mass, which the framers would indignantly cast on one side. In recognition of its importance it had been discussed in many sittings. The minutest details had been talked over, and many divisions taken. These had their effect in considerably remodelling the clause, in a sense acceptable to the Opposition. The general result of the discussion had been favourable to them, and if on the question that the clause be added to the Bill a division The general result of the discussion had been favourable to them, and if on the question that the clause be added to the Bill a division had been avoided the Conservatives might have looked with satisfaction on their share of the business. Such, at least, was the view taken by Sir Stafford Northcote. But Mr. Chaplin, having a speech ready, determined to deliver it, and being heated by his own eloquence, insisted upon taking a division on the question that the Clause as amended be added to the Bill. The result was disastrous even beyond foreboding. The Conservative leaders being dragged into the fray were compelled to make the best fight possible, and all their forces were diligently beat up. But the result was that the clause was carried by 289 votes against 157—one of the largest majorities yet recorded for the Bill. against 157—one of the largest majorities yet recorded for the Bill, peculiarly acceptable to Ministers as wiping off the score for the other side on Mr. Heneage's amendment, and sufficient of itself to paralyse an ordinary Opposition. Had Mr. Disraeli been on the front bench in the House of Commons, or had Lord Beaconsfield been in the House of Lords, this realizes counting of defeat would have in the House of Lords, this reckless courting of defeat would have

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But "Vous l'avez voulu, vous l'avez voulu, George Dandin;" and the result was immediately seen in the accelerated progress of the Bill. The chariot of Pharaoh, but recently lying in the Red Sea with the wheels off, was set on rollers, and forthwith began to move at a pace which carried joy to hearts on the Ministerial side, and perhaps, if the truth were told, was scarcely less acceptable over nine-tenths of the area of the Opposition benches. The fact that the Land Bill must pass this Session is accepted, and the only result of the tactics adopted by Lord Randolph Churchill and Mr. Chaplin (in addition to the damage done to their party) is that members, yearning for to the damage done to their party) is that members, yearning for to the damage done to their party) is man memoers, yearing to the holiday that may date from the first week in August, will be kept in their places so many days later. Tuesday saw five clauses added to the Bill; and on Wednesday the thirteenth was agreed to, and the same to have the property of the same to have the property of the same to have the same that the some progress made with Clause 14. Clause 12 was postponed.



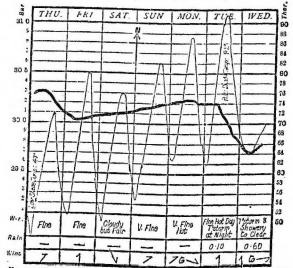
ALTHOUGH several London theatres are now closed, and others ALTHOUGH several London theatres are now closed, and others are preparing to follow their example, considerable activity of a fitful kind is still exhibited by theatrical managers. On Saturday evening Mr. Bronson Howard's powerful play, The Old Love and the New, originally brought out at the Court Theatre about two years ago, was revived at the Princess's, where Madame Modjeska has just completed her London engagement. The play is reproduced with some changes in the cast, among which the most important is the appearance of Mr. Wilson Barrett in the part of John Stratton, heretofore played by Mr. Coghlan, and the appearance. important is the appearance of Mr. Wilson Barrett in the part of John Stratton, heretofore played by Mr. Coghlan, and the appearonce of Miss Eastlake, late of the Criterion, in the character of the heroine, originally sustained by Miss Amy Roselle. If the performance gains nothing by these changes, it certainly cannot be said that it loses much; for Mr. Barrett is an excellent actor in parts demanding self-possession and manly bearing, and Miss Eastlake is altogether a very pleasing actress, possessing, moreover, some amount of pathetic power. Mr. Anson repeats his humorous impersonation of the American visitor, and Mr. Arthur Dacre reappears as Harold Kenyon.

Miss Marie de Grey, an actress better known in the country than in London, has appeared this week at the OLYMPIC Theatre in the

in London, has appeared this week at the OLYMPIC Theatre in the character of Lady Teazle. She is a fairly good actress, of handsome appearance. With her are Mr. and Mrs. Chippendale, Mr. Horace Wigan, Mr. Righton, and other performers of some note; but the representation of The School for Scandal is not one of any very conspicuous merit.

A CRY FOR WATER.—During the past few days we have been visited by heat of tropical intensity, the thermometer sometimes reaching as high as 92 deg. in the shade, and 120 deg. in the sun. Several fatal cases of sunstroke have already occurred, people have panted with heat and thirst, and under these circumstances one cannot help feeling a considerable degree of sympathy with the appeal for funds made by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountains and Cattle Trough Association at their annual meeting held the other day at the Mansion House. The report states that during the past year thirty-one new fountains and forty-four new troughs have been erected, while six of the former and twenty-three of the latter been erected, while six of the former and twenty-three of the latter have been removed, so that the Association has now 459 troughs have been removed, so that the Association has now 459 troughs and 462 fountains in the metropolis, at which it is computed that no fewer than 500,000 people and 200,000 horses, besides other cattle and dogs, refresh themselves daily throughout the year. The cost of keeping them in order and constantly supplied with water is 15t. per day,—the smallness of the sun in comparison to the benefit it purchases being a sufficient guarantee that the Association studies economy as well as efficiency. Small, however, as is the expenditure of the Association, the annual subscriptions and donations which it receives do not amount to more than two-thirds of the sum needed to carry on the work already. subscriptions and donations which it receives do not amount to more than two-thirds of the sum needed to carry on the work already undertaken, and, had it not been for the fortunate receipt of some legacies, the Committee would have been compelled to curtail its operations. No one at all familiar with London streets will suppose operations. No one at all familiar with London streets will suppose that they are too lavishly furnished with free drinking-fountains and troughs, but only those who have paid special attention to the subject will be prepared for the statement that there are still within the boundaries of the metropolis hundreds of miles of streets where neither man nor beast can obtain a drop of water without paying for it. It is, of course, easy to bewail such a state of things, and condemn the parochial and other authorities for their inaction in regard to it, but the most ready and practical way of showing our sympathy for the millions of creatures who suffer the pangs of thirst in consequence of it, is to send a cheque or Past Office order to Mr. John consequence of it, is to send a cheque or Post Office order to Mr. John Lee, the Secretary of the Association, at 111, Victoria Street, S.W. In such a cause no other argument ought to be needed than pity for our poorer brothers and sisters, and for the dumb and patient animals who toil with them under such trying conditions; but if such be needed it is ready to hand in the fact that the denial of a cup of cold water has in too many instances led to habitual visits to the public-house, the proverbial "one glass" being the first step upon the road to drunkenness and all its attendant evils.

### WEATHER CHART FOR THE WEEK JUNE 30 TO JULY 6 (INCLUSIVE).



EXPLANATION.—The thick line shows the variations in the height of the barometer during the past week ending Wednesday midnight. The fine line shows the shade temperature for the same interval, and gives the maximum and minimum readings for each day, with the (approximate) time at which they occurred. The information is furnished to us by the Meteorological Office.

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REMARKS.—The weather during the greater part of the week has been exceedingly fine and warm, and from Thursday (30th ult.) until Tuesday (5th inst.) temperature rose steadily to the extraordinarily high maximum of 92 in the shade. To find an equally warm day as Tuesday (5th inst.) we must go back to the year 1876, and even then the highest point reached by the therumonter was a few tenths of a degree lower than that just recorded. The weather continued very fine until Tuesday evening (5th inst.), when clouds quickly overspread the sky, and before midnight vivid lightning, with heavy showers, set in. Early on Wednesday morning (6th inst.) a thunderstorm of great severity prevailed for three or four hours, the lightning being unusually sharp, and the rainfall at times very heavy. The storm seemed to have the effect of clearing the overheated atmosphere, and we find that on Wednesday (6th inst.) the maximum temperature was only 68°, or 24° lower than on the previous day. The early part of Wednesday (6th inst.) was dull and wet, but in the afternoon the sky cleared somewhat, and the evening was very fair, cool, and pleasant. The small depression which produced the thunderstorm of Wednesday morning (6th inst.) has now passed away, but the weather does not seem at all settled. The barometer was highest (30°32 inches) on Thursday (30th ult.); lowest (20°72 inches) on Wednesday (6th inst.); lowest (47°00 inches. Greatest full on any one day, o'60 inches, on Wednesday (6th inst.); nowest (47°00 inches. Greatest full on any one day, o'60 inches, on Wednesday (6th inst.).



SPOTTED UMBRELLAS are now carried by Gallic dandies.

PICKING POCKETS appears to be a favourite profession in Japan. Nearly 2,000 light-fingered gentry ply their trade in Tokio alone, of

whom over 200 are looked upon as masters in the art.

THE "LITTLE WESTERN," which left England a short time ago on her return voyage across the Atlantic, was spoken last week, eighty miles W.S.W. of the Scilly Isles, all going on well.

A CURIOUS STONE-COLOURED INDIAN CROW was recently caught in the streets of Calcutta during a violent storm. The colour of the bird exactly resembles that of the dove, but the plumage is much more beautiful.

Washington Irving's House, Sunnyside, near Tarrytown, in the State of New York, remains exactly as he left it at his death, twenty-two years ago. The pen and papers are still on his desk as he arranged them for the last time.

THE "GREENERY YALLERY FEVER" is spreading across the Channel. In Paris a certain masculine elique has sprung up, whose members, according to the Paris Figure, affect languor and intensity, live upon the simplest viands, and are styled by Gallic Philistines petits exhumés.

THE CHINESE CUSTOM OF COMPRESSING WOMEN'S FEET has created no little excitement at Harvard College. The Chinese Professor's wife there is subjecting her baby to this national custom, and the cries of the little sufferer are heard day and night. Indeed, it is said that the Cambridge Anti-Cruelty Society intends to

A HERALDIC EXHIBITION is to be held at Berlin next April, which is intended—so far as Germany is concerned—to be complete in the departments of genealogy, family history, heraldry, and seals. Heraldic paintings, devices, emblems, manuscripts, &c., will be the chief exhibits; a special department being assigned to gemengravers. Talking of exhibitions, Mexico has now caught the prevailing fever, and a Scientific Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition will be opened next November at Orizaba.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND are anxious to extend their system of providing nourishing diets at their own homes for convalescent patients discharged from hospitals. For fourteen years the Order have thus supplied the convalescent patients of Charing Cross and King's College Hospitals, and they now desire that this scheme should be better known, and be enlarged, and therefore appeal for funds. Donations to be sent to the Sub-Almoner, Captain J. Gildea, at the Chancery, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E. C.

THE PANAMA CANAL does not appear to be advancing very rapidly, according to the Panama Star and Herald. This journal states that, notwithstanding the flourishing reports and the assiduous ventilation of the enterprise, matters are going on very badly on the Isthmus itself. There is much sickness, stations have been abandoned, workmen have been discharged, and many engineers have returned home. Even the superior officials are growing discontented, while the men at work are little cared for and poorly paid. Great annoyance also is felt in Panama at M. de Lesseps' glowing descriptions, which are eagerly accepted by the outside public.

MR. H. M. STANLEY'S WORK ON THE CONGO does not seem to be in a flourishing condition at present. Indeed, the King of the Belgians is said to be so dissatisfied with the slow rate of progress, considering the great expense, that Mr. Stanley will probably come to Europe for a short time. The chief difficulty lies in procuring satisfactory labour, for the free people who joined Mr. Stanley at the beginning of the expedition soon became discontented and left, and many of his white and coloured followers died, so that Mr. Stanley has been obliged to purchase cheap slaves, who are working on the roads, chained in gangs of from six to twelve. These roads, by the bye, are being cut over steep mountains at an angle of sixty degrees.

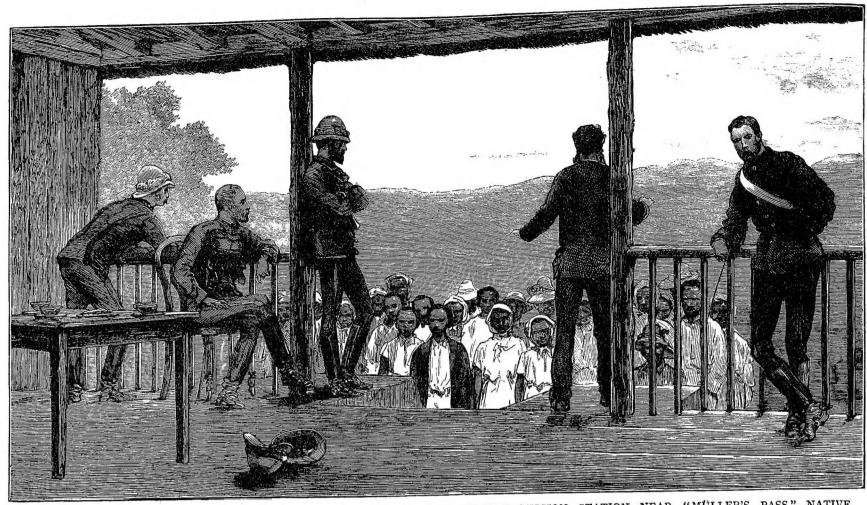
THIRSTY SOULS IN PARIS may well read with horror the details given by the American Register of the enormous adulteration of liquids carried on at present. That delightful beer, so refreshing at first, and which in some ten minutes' time makes the consumer twice as thirsty as before, is adulterated by seventy-eight different methods, at least half of these processes being noxious. Most curious materials are used to give the beer a rich colour. Milk is treated still worse. Pure milk is almost unobtainable, for oil, malt, flour, brains, and various chemical products combine to form the harmonious whole sold as "fresh milk from the cow." As to the Paris water itself, that is even more dangerous than the adulterated liquors, by reason of the animalcular and slinny growths to be found there. animalculæ and slimy growths to be found there.

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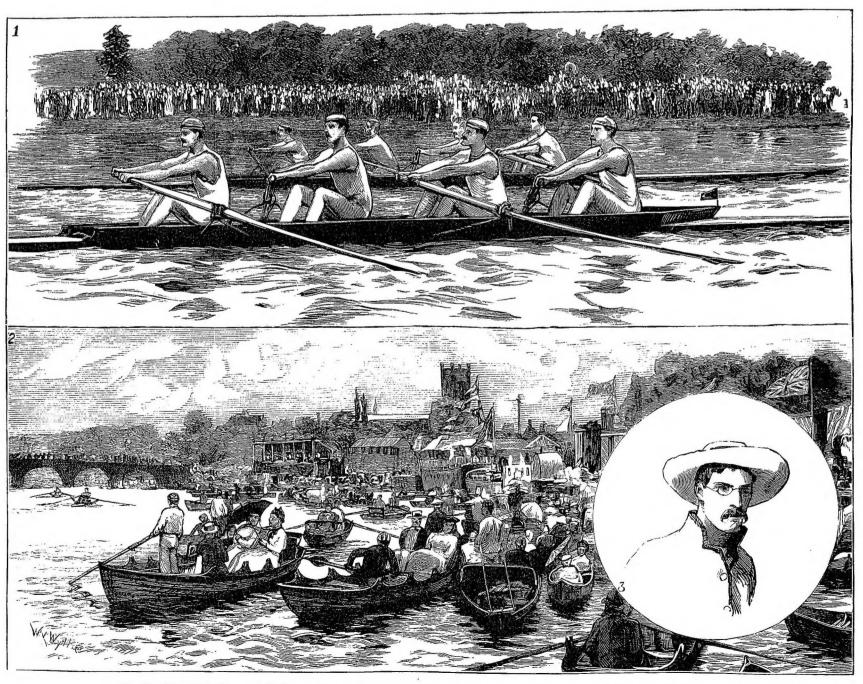
The late M. Dufaure was a stern opposer of anything approaching luxury or extravagance. His study was miserably bare, the walls were hung with dark paper, and were perfectly unadorned, cheap common curtains, such as those adopted by students in the Quartier Latin, shaded his windows, and the only furniture consisted of two wooden chairs—arm-chairs being regarded as Sybaritish—a wooden table, and books piled everywhere. M. Dufaure was famed for his ugliness, and he never attempted to condone it, but always wore a black frock coat of the fashion of 1830. He hated society, and as a Minister would never preside at official entertainments, but during his last term of office, when guests invaded his rooms he walked off at 9 P.M., declaring that he had gone to bed at that hour for sixty years, and was not going to change his habits. He rose regularly at 4 A.M., and would occasionally go then to fetch his family home from a ball.

The Search For the Arche Vacht "Leannette" is now

THE SEARCH FOR THE ARCTIC YACHT "JEANNETTE" is now being pursued with the utmost activity. No fewer than four expeditions will explore those parts of the Arctic regions in which the feanuette is thought most likely to be found. Of these expeditions, whose courses will widely differ, the best chance of success, according to the New York Herald, lies with the Government steamer Rodgers, which goes to Wrangell's Land, where the Jeannette was last seen. Competent authorities consider that disabled Polar ships drift very slowly—witness the Austrian Tegethoff, which only travelled the small distance of 230 miles in a year, and therefore that the Jeannette if disabled may be found much in the same position as when heard of last. The next most promising attempt is reckoned to be that of the Coruin, which will cruise along the American coast from Behring Strait to Point Barrow; while the Alliance, which has gone to Spitzbergen, is considered to be almost out of the running. There is more chance for the Professe behavior to the Westigneton Signal Coming action barrow; while the Amark, which has gone to Spitzbergen, is considered to be almost out of the running. There is more chance for the Proteus, belonging to the Washington Signal Service, which will shortly leave under Lieutenant Greeley for Lady Franklin Bay, to establish the first of the International chain of observation Stations. This expedition will directly pass the Arctic inlets into Baffin's Bay, of that vast current which sets eastwardly from Wrangell's Land, and sweeps across the meridians of Arctic America through the Parry Islands, and which would probably carry the Jeannette towards Baffin's Bay. The observation station at Lady Franklin Bay is to be visited yearly by a relief vessel, which will bring supplies and take home the results of the observations. Each member of the expedition is bound to keep a diary, which will be sent to the Signal Service at Washington.

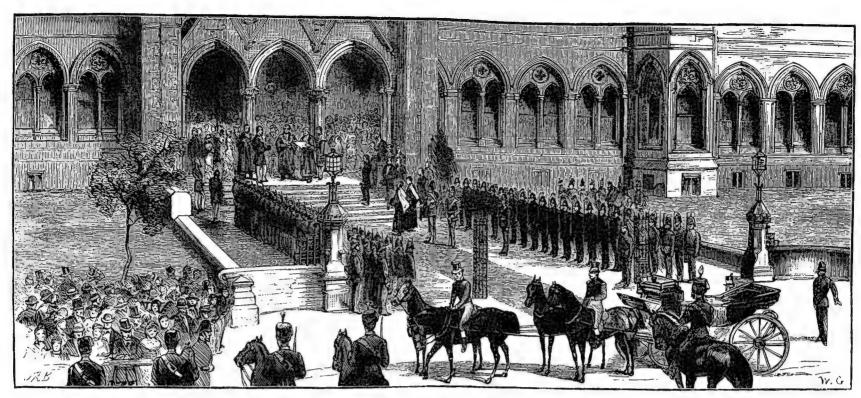


SOUTH AFRICA: GENERALS WOOD AND BULLER LUNCHING AT THE GERMAN MISSION STATION NEAR "MULLER'S PASS"—NATIVE CHILDREN SINGING "HOLD THE FORT"

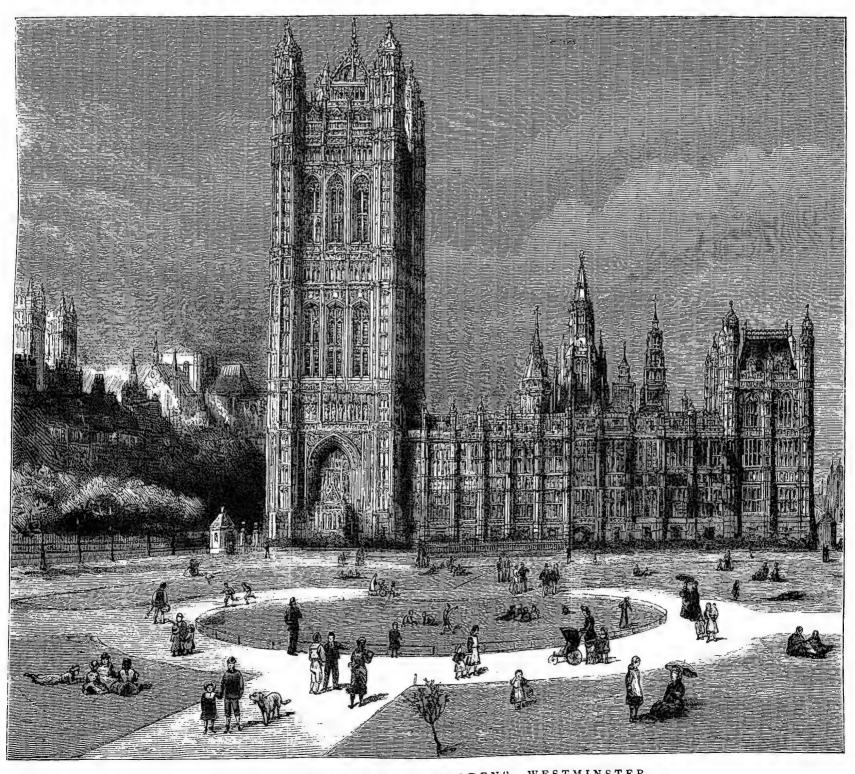


I. The First Heat of the Stewards' Challenge Cup.—2. The Diamond Sculls—Final Heat.—3. Mr. Lowndes, Winner of the Diamond Sculls.

OUR ARTIST'S NOTES AT HENLEY REGATTA



OPENING OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NOTTINGHAM THE CORPORATION PRESENTING AN ADDRESS TO PRINCE LEOPOLD ON HIS ARRIVAL



THE VICTORIA PUBLIC GARDENS, WESTMINSTER



France.—The Tunisian Question still remains the topic of the day, and considerable excitement has been caused by an outbreak at Sfax, where the disaffected Arabs are now in complete possession of the town, all the Europeans having fled to the French vessels for protection. For some time past the attitude of the Arabs in that district has been threatening, and various robberies and murders were committed in the less frequented quarters. On the 28th ult., however, as some officers from the French ship of war Chacal were being shown over the town. a manifestly organised rising took were committed in the less frequented quarters. On the 25th ult., however, as some officers from the French ship of war Chacal were being shown over the town, a manifestly organised rising took place, and the Arabs, issuing from their houses, armed with pistols, made an onset upon the European quarters. The Vice-Consul and his family made a run for the boats, the ladies rushing into the water in order to escape their pursuers, and the other Europeans quickly followed their example, many escaping to the boats by swimming. Several persons were severely wounded, while the European houses were given up to pillage. The Arabs refused to allow any of the refugees to land, and two Maltese who came back in search of provisions were shot. The French authorities have sent reinforcements to Sfax, which will probably be bombarded and occupied should the Arabs, who are being stimulated by the Marabouts to a holy war, persist in holding out. The French attribute the insurrection to emissaries from Tripoli, and there is a general tendency to make this an excuse for an expedition to that State similar to that recently undertaken to Tunis. The Porte, however, disclaims all responsibility for the Sfax rising, and declares that the military measures taken by the Governor of Tripoli, which have excited so much comment in France, are merely intended for have excited so much comment in France, are merely intended for the preservation of order. The relations between the Porte and the French Government are very strained just now, the Sultan even refused to give a farewell audience to M. Tissot, the French

Ambassador, and every week seems to bring further complications.

In Algeria considerable preparations are being made to punish
Amema Bey and his band of marauders. Generals Osmont and Amema Bey and his band of marauders. Generals Osmont and Cerez, who are accused of mismanagement in not effectually repressing the outbreak, have been superseded by Generals Saussier and Delebecque; and there is even some talk of the resignation of M. Albert Grévy, the present Governor, in which case he would be succeeded by M. Freycinet or the country would once more be placed under a military régime. Altogether, France just now is not very happy in her relations with the world outside her European dominions. What with her North African troubles, and the ill-feeling which has been aroused in Italy by her policy in Tunis and the recent Marseilles riots—in Turkey and even in England by her high-handed conduct in North Africa, and in Spain by her failure to protect Spanish subjects in Algeria, France is rapidly losing the popularity which she has enjoyed for the past ten years, during which she minded her own business and abstained from interfering with her neighbours.

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To turn to France proper, there are few home items of interest. To turn to France proper, there are few home items of interest. M. Jules Simon's amendment to the Education Bill, has been carried by the Senate. The Chamber had carefully excluded all religious teaching from elementary schools. M. Jules Simon, however, has now introduced a clause providing that the teachers should instruct the children in their duty towards "God and their country." Whether the Chamber will accept an amendment which changes the whole tenour of the Bill remains to be seen. On Wednesday the Bill for prolonging the Commercial Treaties was discussed and passed. Some very hard things were said of England, who was accused of wearing out French patience in order to obtain who was accused of wearing out French patience in order to obtain better terms. In Paris the attempted assassination of General Garfield has excited universal comment. The greatest possible sympathy has been expressed on all sides for the President and his family; but the Monarchical journals cannot refrain from pointing out to their Radical contemporaries who were so loud in denouncing the evils of an Imperial rigime on the occasion of the assassination of the late Czar that assassinations are not wholly unknown under a Republic.

AFFAIRS IN THE EAST. - The condemnation to death of Mahmoud Damad and Nouri Pashas, and of Midhat Pasha in particular, and the general proceedings at the trial, have produced a very unfavourable impression upon the public mind. It is considered certain that the sentences of death will be commuted to terms of imprisonment, more tences of death will be commuted to terms of imprisonment, more especially as the Foreign Governments appear to be taking up the matter. Many people think, and with some reason, that the trial was instituted for a double purpose—firstly, to divert the Mahomedan mind from the cession of territory which is being carried on in Thessaly; and, secondly, to get rid of Midhat Pasha, whose reforming tactics are in every way obnoxious to the Palace party. Moreover the Sultan suspected him of conspiring with the ex-Khedive, and was anxious to get him out of the way. Mean-while, Mahmoud Damad and Nouri Pashas are credited with a "confession" that their object in the dethronement of Abd-ul-Aziz was more mercenary than political, and that they secured a considerable amount of plunder in the confusion which ensued.

The Convention with Greece has now been actually signed, and on Monday the Greeks occupied two points in their new territory, while it was expected that Arta would be handed over to them on Tuesday.—In BULGARIA there is still considerable agitation respecting the recent elections, which are declared to have been conducted at the sword's point. General Ernroth has been con-demned to death by a secret society; but the Government neverthe-less is persisting in its high-handed conduct. The state of siege has been proclaimed in various districts, and it is said that all letters passing peen proclaimed in various districts, and it is said that all letters passing through the post are now opened.—From EASTERN ROUMELIA come reports of brigandage, and the capture of a German forester, whose release, however, was ultimately procured by the Turkish authorities.—The most peaceful news of the week hails from Servia, where the Prince has turned the first sod of the new railway at Belgrade.

RUSSIA.—The visit of the first British squadron which has anchored off Cronstadt since the Crimean War has been welcomed anchored on cronstact since the Crimean war has been welcomed as a sign that the relations between England and Russia are once more on a friendly footing. The Duke of Edinburgh and his fellow officers have received a most cordial reception, and the authorities have spared no pains to make their guests' visit as pleasant as possible. The fleet arrived on Saturday, and owing to the shallowness of the water, was compelled to anchor at a distance of five miles from the shore. On Sunday the Duke of Edinburgh paid the usual official visits, and on Monday the Czar gave a formal banquet at Peterhoff to the Duke and the captains of the fleet. During the voyage the Repulse stranded off Heligoland on a rock not marked in the Admiralty chart, but was got off without any serious injury.

The Nihilist alarms continue, and so do the repressive measures. The St. Petersburg Press, including even the most moderate journals, are muzzled to the fullest extent, criticisms on General Ignatiefl's policy being in particular prohibited. The Czar continues to lead a most carefully-secluded life. His apartments are guarded night and day, he scarcely ever leaves them, and only one person at a time is a particular prohibited to the ablest careful pressure them. is permitted to enter them. Two of the ablest secret police agents have disappeared, one being subsequently found murdered in the Park, while eight police-officers are also missing.

There is one bright gleam of sunshine in the news that the present harvest prospects throughout Southern Russia are so brilliant that, if they are realised, the farmers think that they will be able to dispense with any harvest for the next four years! At least so the Times correspondent tells us.

-There have been some serious riots between the AUSTRIA.—There have been some serious riots between the German and the Czech students at Prague. The former were holding a fêle, when they were attacked and stoned by the Czechs, and had to fly for their lives, The German population is naturally greatly excited at the affair, while every student who looks like a German is attacked by the Czechs. The authorities are endeavouring to restore order, and have confiscated the Czech journals, or any which show an anti-German bias. The real gist of the matter is the intense jealousy which the Czechs entertain of everything Teutonic. They dread being absorbed in a huge German nation, and are anxious for their distinctive nationality to be retained, and for "home rule" so as to exclude the German element. This is one of the dangers that the Austrian Empire runs from the very heterogeneous character of the elements of the nationalities which compose it. Every nationality is anxious to govern itself according to its own traditions, and they all join in a common hatred of the all-devouring German. This want of cohesion is, of course, one of the reasons of the inherent weakness of Austria—a weakness which is reasons of the inherent weakness of Austria—a weakness which is sulways manifest at any critical period of her history. Indeed, that such a house, divided against itself, should have so long withstood the storms which have wrecked many another European State is one of the curious anomalies of European politics. AUSTRIA. The former were the curious anomalies of European politics.

-There is little news from Afghanistan, where neither Abdurrahman nor Ayoob appears to have made any further military advance. Indeed, it is now thought that Ayoob's prospects are becoming exceedingly doubtful. He seems, *The Times* correspondent tells us, to be embarrassed by local complications, and to be without the resources in money and arms requisite for a considerable movement against the Ameer, who, although not popular, has a respectably organised force in the field at Candahar and on the Helmund.—A new official Afghan gazetteer, embodying the geographical and other fresh knowledge acquired during the war, is being prepared by the Simla Intelligence Office

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The troops engaged in the recent campaign in the Naga Hills are to have an Indian medal, with a clasp, "Naga, 1879-80.—Army reorganisation is still the order of the day, and the Government has recommended reductions of the Bengal, Madras, and the Bombay armies by six, eight, and four regiments respectively, the remaining corps to be increased to the maximum strength.

UNITED STATES.—The attempted assassination of President Garfield has created the most intense excitement throughout the Union, and all parties, irrespective of politics, have expressed their horror and indignation at the dastardly deed. On Saturday morning the President, accompanied by Mr. Blaine, had gone to the Baltimore and Potomac Railway Station at Washington, in order to take the train for New York, on his way to make a two weeks' tour through the Northern States. On his arrival, when in the ladies' room, he was shot by a man who fired a revolver at him twice—one bullet taking effect between the shoulders, and another lower down in the region of the liver. On hearing the report of the first shot Mr. Blaine started back involuntarily, but immediately recovering himself he went to the assistance of the President, who had fallen on his face. Meanwhile, the would-be assassin had been arrested by some of the bystanders, and proved to be a disappointed office-seeker named Charles Guiteau, who was apparently insane. Medical aid was at once summoned, and President Garfield was conveyed in an ambulance to the White House, where he was laid in his own chamber. There the physicians held a consultation, and came to the conclusion that, though not necessarily fatal, his wounds were veyed in an ambulance to the White House, where he was laid in his own chamber. There the physicians held a consultation, and came to the conclusion that, though not necessarily fatal, his wounds were of the gravest character. The President, however, was conscious, and dictated a telegram to his wife at Long Branch, stating that he was seriously hurt, and summoning her to his bedside. The most intense excitement prevailed throughout the States on the news becoming known, and immense crowds surrounded the boards to which the bulletins were affixed. On the prisoner being searched two letters were found upon him, one to General Sherman, stating that the President was shot, and that his death was a political necesthat the President was shot, and that his death was a political neces-sity, and the other addressed to the White House, written very much in the same style, declaring that the President's death would unite the Republican party, and save the Republic, and containing a brutal allusion to Mrs. Garfield, to the effect that it would be no worse for the "dear soul to part with her husband this way than by natural death." In both letters he announced himself as a "Stalwart of Stalwarts."

This last statement led at first to the belief that the murder was This last statement led at first to the belief that the murder was the result of a conspiracy of the Conkling Party, but this since has been most energetically denied, and there is no proof of the act being due to anything more than the conception of Guiteau's own mind, as it is known that he had solicited the President in vain to accord him a post. On his arrest Guiteau declared that General Arthur, the Vice-President, was his friend, and that General Sherman was coming down to Washington to take charge.

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Throughout that day bulletins were issued, and as the afternoon wore on they grew more unfavourable, until the evening, when a rally took place. On Sunday morning also the President's condition had improved, and the reports that day were favourable, though during the night he complained of pains in his feet. On Monday afternoon, however, his condition again became critical, but once more he rallied, passed a good night, and expressed himself comparatively comfortable in the morning. Throughout the day, also, his condition improved, and he seemed to be hungry and asked for food. He slept well that night, and declared himself refreshed on Wednesday morning. The improvement continued through the day, and he sheet to be allowed to eat a beef-steak, but the doctors (of whom there are four in constant attendance) only allowed him an egg. He expressed a wish to hold a Cabinet Council, and showed himself so conversational, that his medical attendants were compelled to discourage his talkativeness.

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The utmost sympathy has been universally expressed with the President and Mrs. Garfield, and telegrams have poured in from every part of the States, and from every foreign crowned head, Her Majesty's telegram being the first Royal message to reach Washington. Vice-President Arthur is at Washington, ready to assume the reins of government in the event of the President's death, and preparations were made to summon the Senate in such an event. It is probable that this will be done in any case, as should General Arthur become President, the Speaker of the Senate would succeed to the Vice-Presidency. Now as the Senate separated without electing a Vice-Presidency. Now as the Senate separated without electing a Speaker, it may be thought advisable to choose so important an Speaker, it may be thought advisable to choose so important an officer without any further delay. The outrage forms the sole topic of conversation and of newspaper articles, and the Fourth of July celebrations were almost completely abandoned out of respect for the President. The effect of the Vice-President respect for the Frestdeath. The check of the vice-fresheath becoming President has been very freely discussed. He is known as a great partisan of Mr. Conkling, and a reversal of General Garfield's anti-lobbyist policy would have to be looked for should he succeed to the supreme power.

MISCELLANEOUS.--From GERMANY we hear that Prince Bismarck is better, and has gone to Kissingen, ordering, however, that no letters or documents should be sent after him. -In ITALY there is a new Encyclical letter from the Pope to the world in general, detailing the rights of rulers and their claims to obedience from the people. His Holiness declares to be false and dangerous the asseverations that civil society is the outcome of the free consent of the people, citing in proof the teaching of St. Paul and St. Peter.

-In SWITZERLAND the first race meeting which has ever taken place —In SWITZERLAND the first race meeting which has ever taken place in Geneva has been held. It was so successful that it will not be the last.—In EGYI'T the Nile is very low, causing some anxiety for the crops.—In the TRANSVAAL the Royal Commission is sitting the crops.—In the two Boers charged with the murder of daily in Pretoria. The two Boers charged with the murder of Captain Elliott are to be tried by the High Court on the 18th inst., when those accused in the Malcolm case will also be arraigned.



The Queen held a grand Investiture of various Orders at The Queen held a grand Investiture of various Orders at Windsor Castle at the end of last week, when Her Majesty decorated over seventy gentlemen, and presented the Victoria Cross to Major E. H. Sartorius. The Prince of Wales, Princess Beatrice, and the Grand Duke of Hesse and his daughters were present at the ceremony, which was followed by luncheon in the Waterloo Gallery. On Saturday the Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived on a visit to the Queen, and Prince Leopold returned from Nottingham, while Prince and Princess Christian joined the Royal party at dinner. Next morning Her Majesty and the Royal Family attended Divine Service in the Private Chapel, where the Rev. B. F. Westcott preached, and in the afternoon Prince Leopold and the Grand Duke of Hesse left the Castle for Claremont, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught also going home to Bagshot after dinner. On Monday of Connaught also going home to Bagshot after dinner. On Monday the two Princesses of Hesse joined their father at Claremont on a visit to Prince Leopold, while the Duc d'Aumale, and the Duc de Montpensier with his son, Prince Antoine d'Orleans, lunched with the Queen. In the afternoon the Princess Beatrice came up to town, and after accompanying Prince and Princess Christian and Princess

Queen. In the afternoon the Princess Beatrice came up to town, and after accompanying Prince and Princess Christian and Princess Frederica of Hanover to the German Plays at Drury Lane Theatre, returned to Windsor. Princess Christian lunched with the Queen on Tuesday. To-day (Saturday) the Queen holds the grand Volunteer Review in Windsor Park, and next Friday Her Majesty will hold a Council, afterwards leaving for Osborne.

The Prince and Princess of Wales on Saturday visited King's College for the Prince to distribute the prizes to the successful students. Later they were visited by the Duc de Montpensier and his son, the Prince immediately returning the call, and in the evening they dined with the Duke of Cambridge. On Sunday they attended Divine Service, and next day went down to Aldershot to be present at a divisional field day. The Prince and Princess were on horseback during the sham fight, and afterwards lunched at the camp with Sir Daniel and Lady Lysons. In the evening they went to the French Plays at the Gaiety, while subsequently Prince Waldemar of Denmark, the Princess's youngest brother, arrived on a visit. On Tuesday the Grand Duke of Hesse and his daughters arrived at Marlborough House from Claremont, and the Prince of Wales went down to Newmarket to witness the July Meeting.—The Prince goes to Derby next Tuesday to visit the Agricultural Show, presides on the 20th at the Trinity House Banquet in the absence of the Master, the Duke of Edinburgh, and goes with the Princes to Brighton on the 21st inst. The Prince and Princess will shortly give a garden party and also a ball at Marlborough House.—No foundation whatever exists for the rumour of an accident to Prince George of Wales while bathing at Melbourne. Both Princes are well, and have gone on a visit to Sandhurst, as the Bacchante remains at Melbourne to refit, and will rejoin the Detached Squadron at Fiji. Wednesday was the thirteenth birthday of Princess Louise on Tuesday visited the Duke of York's School at Chelsea; and on Wednesday evening

Princess Victoria of Waters.

Princess Louise on Tuesday visited the Duke of York's School at Chelsea; and on Wednesday evening dined with Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught on Saturday Statistical and the Midsummer Festival of the British Orphan Asylum, Slough, where the Duchess gave away the prizes. On Wednesday the Duchess opened the Military Musical Fete and Bazaar at the Horticultural Gardens, in aid of Army Coffee Taverns.—Prince

Leopold's visit to Nottingham last week was closed by a fancy ball, where the Prince appeared as Louis XV.

The Empress of Germany is going on most favourably, although Her Majesty has suffered greatly from weakness. Owing to her satisfactory condition the Crown Prince and Princess did not postsatisfactory condition the Court Times and Times and Times pone their English visit, but arrived at Queenborough from Flushing in the Osborne on Wednesday, going straight to Windsor to stay with the Queen. Next Monday they will attend a concert in aid of the Home for Working Girls, Gordon House, Endsleigh Gardens.



"ECCLESIASTICAL COLOURS."—The growing love and more extensive use of ecclesiastical milinery, and the symbolical significance attached to the choice of colours in the same, gives rise to no small uneasiness in the minds of old-fashioned Churchmen. Its exissmall uneasiness in the minds of old-fashioned Churchmen. Its exishas set afloat a petition, which is being numerously signed, praying that a Committee of Convocation may be appointed to inquire into the existing use of ecclesiastical colours in the Church of England. The petition urges that within the past half century the "Roman sequence of colours" has been introduced to many English churches in opposition to Anglo-Saxon traditions and to the "Ornaments Rubric" of the Book of Common Prayer. It proceeds to say that the use of colours in the Established Church is more in harmony with Roman practices than it was even before the Reformation. with Roman practices than it was even before the Reformation.

THE REVISED VERSION.—Mr. Spurgeon's respectful if somewhat patronising reception of the Revised Version of the New Testament will go a long way with the large class of the community ver which he ercises a nowerful influe e to remove any feeling of hostility, even if it does not secure a kindly welcome for the new version. "With much unnecessary alteration of the Old Version," he says, "it is not only an honest and a careful, but in many he says, "It is not only an honest and a careful, but in many passages a successful effort to produce as accurate a rendering as possible of the work; and if it takes from us some things the genuineness of which was at best suspicious, it gives us more, the genuineness of which is beyond dispute." Dr. Talmage gives forth no such "uncertain sound" on the subject. He says, "I join with nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand of the unpretending Christian people of America in looking upon it as a desecration, a profanation, a mutilation, and a religious outrage."

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ROMANISM IN SCOTLAND.—It was a severe blow to Scottish theology when the Marquis of Bute joined the Roman Catholic Church. Among the minor changes which this great change involved was the closing of the Presbyterian chapel that stands in the Mountstuart grounds, in the island of Bute. The chapel has been closed ever since, but now it is proposed to reopen it—not for the resumption of the Presbyterian service, but as a school for the use of the Roman Catholic workmen employed in the erection of Lord Bute's new mansion. The proposal is viewed with extreme disfavour by the orthodox Presbyterian population on the island; and the Presbytery, giving voice to the general irritation, have instructed their clerk to inform the representatives of the Marquis

that they claim the chapel as the property of the Church of Scotland, that they claim the chapet as the property of the charen of Scotland, protesting against its use for such a purpose, and forbidding its use for any purpose without their sanction being first obtained. Whatfor any purpose without their sanction being first obtained. Whatever the legal bearings of the question may be, there is doubtless still surviving in Presbyterian Scotland a Jenny Geddes who may have an effective word or two in this conversion of one of Knox's kirks to one of "the houses of Rimmon."

-Whatever the reason may BISHOP RYLE ON THE PULPIT. be, the age of great preachers seems to be passing away. The old prophetic dignity of the pulpit, in the days when the clergy had genius as well as piety, is no longer maintained. The tendency of the preacher of modern days, who has chosen his profession primarily that he may make a living out of it, is towards conventionalism sadly lacking in the earnestness and force necessary really to affect men's lives. It is refreshing, therefore, to come upon a piece of good practical advice on this subject from Bishop Ryle—to whose sermons it is said many an indolent parson owes more than he is willing to acknowledge. "I hope that our preachers will lay asile for ever," says the Bishop in a recent speech, "that orthodox prosiness, that respectable dulness, that leaden heaviness, that firstprosiness, that respectable dulness, that leaden heaviness, that first-person-plural vagueness, that guinea-pig tameness, and those dreary commonplaces, which the laity too often complain of as the character'stics of the sermon of the modern parson. Why, in the name of common sense, should lively, fine, animated, rousing, stirring, interesting, heart-searching, conscience-pricking, mind-arresting, thought-suggesting, burning sermons be confined to Mission preaching? Not only the clergy of Bishop Ryle's diocese, but the profession generally, should lay these words to heart.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK.—It is an icipated that Bishop Vaughan, of Salford, will be "translated" by the Pope to the Diocese of Southwark. In the latter diocese the lesuits have two of their chief establishments—their College at Beaumont, Old Windsor; and their Novitiate, near Roehampton, Surrey. Besides these, the French Jesuits have established their large College at Hales Place, near Canterbury. It is said that Bishop Vaughan looks on the doings of the Jesuits with no very friendly eye.

THE LIVING OF ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH, of which the public has heard so much in recent years, at present vacant by the resignation of Bishop Ryan, was offered to and declined by the Rev. George James, of St. Michael's, Gloucester. The Rev. Prebendary Harland (Lichfield Cathedral) has accepted the living.

AMERICAN CHURCHES. — Among the various AMERICAN CHURCHES.—Among the various religious denominations in America the Baptists seem to be in the most flourishing condition. During the last year they have added to their numbers 163,624, their total membership being 2,374,339. The Methodists number 1,742,922, the Presbyterians 915,000, Lutherans 700,000, and Episcopalians 345,000.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.—The 800th Anniversary of Peterborough Cathedral was celebrated last week. A procession of more than two hundred entered the western door, the Residentiary Chapter being preceded by twenty honorary canons, singing in unison, "We March, We March to Victory." A special service followed, and after a Te Deum, the Bishop preached.



ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.—The operatic incident most noticeable last week was the revival of Linda di Chamouni. Linda is one or two works (the other being Maria de Rohan) written by Donizetti or two works (the other being Maria de Rohan) written by Donizetti for Vienna, or, at any rate, first produced in the chief operatic theatre of the Austrian capital. Both the plot, however, taken by the Italian librettist, Rossi, from La Grace de Dieu, a drama once popular at the Paris Gaîté, and the music of the Bergamese composer have so long been familiar to English amateurs, that it is needless to expend a word upon either. Enough that the present revival derives its attraction from the admirable impersonation, by Madame Adelina Patti, of the Swiss maiden whose beauty is her most dangerous enemy, and who only escapes from imminent peril most dangerous enemy, and who only escapes from imminent peril through the efforts of friends no less disinterested than attached. A through the efforts of friends no less disinterested than attached. A considerable period has elapsed since Madame Patti appeared as Linda, and the occasion was the more welcome inasmuch as it agreeably revived old memories. She sings the music, from the joyous cavatina, "O luce di quest' anima," to the final duet (for which she has the good taste not to substitute some unmeaning, however showy, bravura) to perfection. She was more or less well supported by Madame Scalchi, a deep-voiced Pierrotto; Signor Marini, a somewhat over-sentimental Carlo; Signor Cotogni, who, in Antonio's great scene, strove energetically, and not always vainly to outdo his precursors, Tamburini and Ronconi not forgotten; Signor Ciampi, a Marquis who tried to be as humorous as his command of humour would admit; and Signor de Reské, than whom a more acceptable Prefect it would be far to seek. In short, Linda, although it can boast none of the breezy short, Linda, although it can boast none of the breezy freshness which everywhere distinguishes the Swiss masterpiece of Rossini, being melodious, if seldom absolutely original, from the opening to the end charmed the audience, and (like Gounod's Romeo e Giutietta) was found a relief not altogether undesirable just now. Robert le Diable was the opera on Thursday night, too late for this week's notice. The first performance of Le Pré aux Clercs is postponed till Tuesday, which necessitates the postponement of the third and last performance of Il Demonio till Friday. The season closes on this day fortright closes on this day fortnight.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.——Signor Campanini being indisposed, the first representation of *Lohengrin*, announced for Saturday night, was abandoned, and *Faust* given in its place. Gounod's fascinating opera, however, with a Margaret so fascinating as Madame Christine Nilsson, can never be unwelcome; and on this particular operation as if to console her audience for the temporary loss of their occasion, as if to console her audience for the temporary loss of their Elsa, the gifted Swede took more than common pains to make Gretchen (under the same features) an acceptable substitute—and succeeded. The rest of the cast was as before. For this evening we are promised the long-expected *Il Rinnegato*, music by the Baron Bodog Orczy, a Hungarian amateur, some specimens of whose ability as a composer have been already heard at the Crystal Palace and elsewhere. For next week Mr. Mapleson announces the commencement of a series of performances with a "redistribution of seats and prices of admission," in order to afford "the general public" some opportunities of hearing Madame Christine Nilsson "before her departure to the Continent." The series is to begin with Consumities of the Continent. with Lohengrin on Monday.

HERR RUBINSTEIN AT COVENT GARDEN. --- A special concert, HERR RUBINSTEIN AT COVENT GARDEN.—A special concert, with Herr Rubinstein as prominent figure, was given at the Royal Italian Opera on Saturday afternoon. The programme included two important compositions from his pen—a "Fantaisie in C major," written for the occasion, and a symphony in G minor. The symphony (No. 5—"The Russian Symphony," so-called) had already been given, under the direction of Mr. Manns, at the Crystal Palace, and was noticed at the time. The "Fantaisie," as a novelty, demands a few words of comment. It eminently, belongs novelty, demands a few words of comment. It eminently belongs to a period when the inventive powers are on the wane, and its want of any definite idea is by no means atoned for by its inordinate length. In along it is uttanly incoherent, one division following length. In plan it is utterly incoherent, one division following

another with no conceivable raisen d'être. The leading theme which both opens and, in more elaborate dress, closes the "Fantaisie" is vague at the best, and though continually presented under different aspects, rarely succeeds in pronouncing itself authoritatively. To the inexperienced car the whole must have sounded more or less like a confused jumble of passages. These, moreover, in several instances were by no means too clearly set forth, although the executant was Herr Rubinstein himself. Hence, to say that the "Fantaisie in C major" was a success would be violating truth. Herr Rubinstein conducted the performance of his "Russian Symphony," which on the whole was remarkably effective. He also played a group of solos, comprising Rossini's "Gondola" and three pieces from Schubert, all of which having gone through the manipulative process of Liszt, were spoiled in proportion, bringing the whole to an end with his own spoiled in proportion, bringing the whole to an end with his own arrangement of the march from Beethoven's Ruins of Athens, which we have been hearing for the last quarter of a century or therewe have been hearing for the last quarter of a century or thereabouts. The programme was most agreeably diversified with
singing by Madame Albani, who began with Spohr's fine scona,
"Tu m' abbandoni," accompanied by the orchestra, to which she
imported all the worted significance of the purest school. After this
she gave Lotti's charming aria, "Pur dicesti" (a capital specimen
of the vocal music of the earlier part of the 18th century), and a
scarcely less charming Lind, "Es blinkt der Thau," in both of
which Herr Rubinstein accompanied her on the pianoforte. Singing
and accompaniment were perfection in the fullest acceptation
of the term. If Herr Rubinstein always played in this manner
it would be hypercritical to think of criticising him. There were
two conductors besides Herr Rubinstein—M. Dupont, who directed
a spirited performance of Weber's overture to Euryanthe, and
Signor Bevignani, upon whom devolved the "Fantaisie in C major,"
There was a brilliant attendance. There was a brilliant attendance.

WAIFS.—The inauguration of the statues to Bellini and Verdi at the Scala (Milan) will be held in September.—Signor Tamberlik, for so many years one of the most popular tenors (Italian fur sang) in this country, still pursues his career in Spain, and has been lately singing in opera with undiminished favour at Burgos.—Herr Rubinstein having broken the conductor's stick lent him by Signor Bevignani to direct the performance of Il Demonio, has presented the Tellian water with another accommanied by a letter coulded in the Italian maestro with another, accompanied by a letter couched in the Italian macstro with another, accompanied by a letter couched in the most courteous and friendly terms.—The remains of Henri Vieuxtemps, the great L. gian violinist, are to be removed from Algiers to Verviers, his native town, where a statue of him is to be erected in one of the principal squares.—Herr Rubinstein gave his last "Recital" on Monday, and started for the Continent the day following. His professional visit to this country has been an enormal presumer recess. enormous pecuniary success.



THE TURF. The July Meeting this week at Newmarket has afforded, as usual, to lovers of racing a quiet enjoyment of sport apart from the turmoil and work of most courses, and free from the apart from the turmoil and worry of most courses, and free from the "galloping Collegians" from the neighbouring University. We do not expect any very exciting contests, but there is generally some interesting racing, especially among the two-year-olds. On the opening day, the July Stakes, for youngsters, is one of the oldest races on the list, carrying us back to only just six years after the first Derby. This race has been won by some of the best two-year-olds on the Turf; last year by the flying Dal Gal, to whom the recent Derby winner, Iroquois, ran second, taking the Chesterfield Stakes in the same week. On this occasion there was a fair field of eleven, and naturally enough Lord Rosebery's Kermesses was made recent Derby winner, Iroquois, ran second, taking the Chesterfield Stakes in the same week. On this occasion there was a fair field of eleven, and naturally enough Lord Rosebery's Kermesse was made favourite, at 5 to 4 on her. The filly seemed beaten some little way from home, but she "came again," and, running very straight, beat Mr. Evans's Marden by half a length, Lord Falmouth's Dutch Oven being third. As Marden carried the colt's extra weight of 3lbs., and the winner is one of the best, if not the very best, of this season's youngsters, his performance was looked upon very favourably, and he was backed for next year's Derby at 12 to 1. It may be noted that by collateral running Lord Stamford's filly Geheimniss can be made out a trifle better than Kermesse. The talent made a pretty good pick in the Visitors' Plate (Handicap), for which the large field of eighteen started, Silverstreak being elected favourite. He, however, only won by a head from Wild Stag, but that was far enough for her backers. The Maiden Plate for Two-year-olds on on the same day, was won by Scotch Whiskey, who did not start so good a favourite as Wolseley. Some persons who are fond of coincidences may have noted that on the first day, out of six races the names of five winners began with S.—Sweet Lemon appropriately enough winning the race just before that taken by Scotch Whiskey, Silverstreak was again successful on the second day, beating Valentino, who allowed him rolbs., in the Beaufort Stakes. Scotch Whiskey, too, scored again in the Sale Stakes. The July Cup, which is a feature of the meeting, was a disappointing affair. Peter, Charibert, and the American colt Parrett came to the post and Peter was whiskey, too, scored again in the Sale Stakes. The July Cup, which is a feature of the meeting, was a disappointing affair. Peter, Charibert, and the American colt Barrett came to the post, and Peter was made favourite at evens. He, however, refused to make an effort, and Charibert had no difficulty in securing the race.—At Carlisle the fields were very meagre, and hardly an event is worth noting except the Cumberland Plate, for which Teviotdale was served up very hot in a field of four. He could, however, only get second to Lartington, who thus upset a great pot. Mr. Jardine's horse made some amends on the following day by winning Her Majesty's Plate.

AQUATICS.—Contrary to the traditions of many generations.

AQUATICS.—Contrary to the traditions of many generations, Henley commanded the finest possible weather for an aquatic tournament; and if the quantity of racing provided goes for anything, last week's gathering on the world-renowned fixture was a grand success. The quality of the rowing generally was perhaps hardly up to the usual standard; but of course every year cannot be the best. As usual, the arrangements immediately in the hands of the Regatta authorities failed in many respects to give satisfaction, and we venture to suggest that the time has come when "fresh blood," and a good deal of it, not only might, but must be got into the manage-AQUATICS. -- Contrary to the traditions of many generations, a good deal of it, not only might, but must be got into the management. The Grand Challenge Cup for Eight Oars, the "Blue Ribbon" of the meeting, was contested by no less than seven crews, and those left in for the final were the London R.C., the Leander (the holders), and Hertford College. There was a grand race, and the Leander, notwithstanding a powerful element of "Old Blues" in the crew, had to succumb to bowerful element of "Old Blues" in the crew, had to succumb to the London, a very fine eight, with two Playfords in it, by a length, with Hertford the same distance behind them. The Thames Challenge Cup, also for Eights, fell to Twickenham R.C., which beat London R.C. in the final. The Visitors' Challenge Cup for Fours was lest to First Trinity and Lady Margaret (Cambridge), and was won by the former by at least ten lengths. The Ladies' Challenge Plate for Eights, the great object of ambition for the Eton Love and often won by them, we also recovered by First Trinity, after boys, and often won by them, was also secured by First Trinity, after boys, and often won by them, was also secured by First Trinity, after a hard struggle with them, by a length. In the first heat of the Stewards' Challenge Cup for Fours Cornell University had to row against the London and the Thames Rowing Clubs. Of course great interest was manifested in this heat, but Cornell, though it held the lead for a little distance owing to rowing forty-eight strokes a minute, died away to nothing, and was beaten by both its opponents. The final heat was contested by Hertford College and Thames R.C., the former winning, and the latter, after making a good race of it, fouling the bank. The Wyfold Challenge Cup

was in the last heat won by Dublin University, beating the London and Twickenham Rowing Clubs. The Diamond Sculls, as was fully anticipated, fell to Lowndes, of Hertford College, and the Silver Goblets to Eyre and Hastie, of the Thames R.C. Thus honours were pretty evenly divided between the three Universities and the Thames-side clubs. On the Saturday after the regatta a rightly race was roused between the Cornell crew and a Hertford College four; but it was a very one-sided affair, for, independently of the mishaps which interfered with the strangers, Hertford really had the race in hand all the way, and thus the Americans, who beat us now at almost everything, have still something to learn from us in the way of scientific rowing.

ATHLETICS.—On Saturday last, at Stamford Bridge, under the joint auspices of the London Athletic Club and the Manhattan Athletic Club, New York, two very important events were decided, both in favour of American gentlemen. The Three Miles Open Walking Race was won by Mr. E. E. Merrill, Union Athletic Club, Boston, who won pretty well as he liked from G. B. Beckley, London Athletic Club. For the Half Mile run S. H. Baker and S. K. Holman, both of the London Athletic Club, and four others, started against the American Champion. Mr. L. E. Myers of the Man. against the American Champion, Mr. L. E. Myers, of the Manhattan Athletic Club, New York, but they had no chance with him, as he won easily enough from Baker by fifteen yards. His time was 57 I 5th sec. for a quarter-mile, and I min. 56 sec. for halfmile-the fastest amateur time on record.

CRICKET.—The first of the two annual Gentlemen v. Players' matches was brought to a conclusion on Saturday last at the Oval. In the first innings the professionals made 197, and the amateurs 236, of which Mr. W. G. Grace scored exactly 100. In the second innings the Players marked 182, thus leaving the Gentlemen 141 to win. This they did, but not without some doubt attending the result as they only had two wickets left when as two ways will

with they did, but not without some doubt attending the result, as they only had two wickets left when 32 runs were still wanting. At this juncture Mr. Tylecote and Mr. C. T. Studd were the batsmen, and with great care, combined with hard hitting, they got the required number, and thus the Gentlemen won a good match by two wickets.

### SCIENTIFIC NOTES

THERE is every reason to believe that the newly-developed art of sponge-culture will settle down into a profitable industry. The process employed is an extremely simple one. A living sponge is cut into small-sized pieces, and each portion is fastened by a small stake to the sea bottom. These detached sponges at once begin to grow, and in a period varying, according to different authorities, from three to seven years, are large enough for the market. Professor Oscar Schmidt has succeeded so well with experimental culture conducted in this way that he has been commissioned by the Austrian Government to continue the work on a larger scale on the Austrian Government to continue the work on a larger scale on the Coast of Dalmatia. Full information relating to this interesting subject will be found in the report of Professor Baird, the Fish Commissioner to the United States, and also in a report recently prepared by Professor Ray Lankester, at the request of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The fresh-water jelly fish, or Medusa, which was found in the Victoria Regia tank at the Botanical Gardens last year, and which was at the time noticed in these columns, has again made

its appearance there.

The new Tay Bridge will occupy a site slightly removed from the old piers. Its total length will be about two miles, and its construction is calculated to bear a wind pressure of 56lbs, per square foot, which is more than double the pressure that in all probability it will ever be called upon to sustain. The rails will be protected on their outer sides by balks of timber, and the parapet of the bridge itself will be of wrought iron. Both these innovations are intended as precautions in case a train should leave the track.

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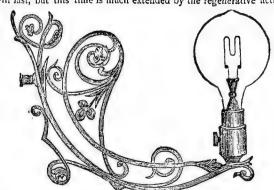
The exaggerated accounts which have been published as to the storage of electrical energy were prompted by the sensational account in The Times of the conveyance of a certain "box of electricity" from Paris to Glasgow, the said box being the Pile Secondaire of M. Faure. The battery of which it represents an improved form is that of M. Planté, which has been before the public for the last twenty years. The latter inventor claims that the so-called improvement is a modification which he long ago tried, and rejected. He further states, with some show of reason, that the original secondary battery is far more useful because it can be charged by a dynamo-machine, the modified form of M. Faure necessitating battery cells. M. Planté is taking steps to bring the claims which he advocates more prominently before the public.

In the meantime the Faure Battery has been used in Glasgow by Dr. George Buchanan for the removal of a tumour by the application of an incandescent platinum wire. It is probable that for purposes such as these the secondary battery will be found very useful; but it must be remembered that exactly the same result

useful; but it must be remembered that exactly the same result could be obtained by a primary battery, consisting of the old-fashioned Grove or Bunsen cells. The only difference is, that in the one case, perhaps, fifteen or twenty cells would be required; and in the other. two cells would suffice to store their energy in the box of electricity.

of electricity.

The system of electric lighting invented by Mr. Maxim, of the United States, is likely to meet with much attention in this country, if we may judge from the interest with which its late brilliant display in the Euston Road was regarded. The now well-understood incandescent form of lamp is employed, but it possesses a valuable modification. The exhausted glass bulb in which the carbon loop is supported is charged with the vapour of gasoline. This vapour is attracted to those portions of the loop which most readily wear away, and deposits there particles of solid carbon. The life of the lamp is of course limited to the time that the carbon filament will last but this time is nuch extended by the regenerative action will last, but this time is much extended by the regenerative action



of the gasoline. As seen in the annexed sketch, the Maxim lamp can be attached to ordinary gas fittings, the current being turned on or off by the usual form of gas tap.

The system also includes a dynamo machine by the same inventor

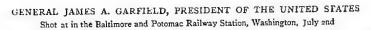
and a current regulator, which is a new feature in electrical illumination. Its duty is to regulate the current according to the number of lights actually in use, so that if, from any cause, half the lamps in a circuit are turned out, the supply of current is instantly checked and the other lamps remain as they were.

If the importance of an invention is measured by the number of

persons it is likely to benefit, Mr. Griffin's clever plan for opening tin cans will be considered very important indeed. The number of

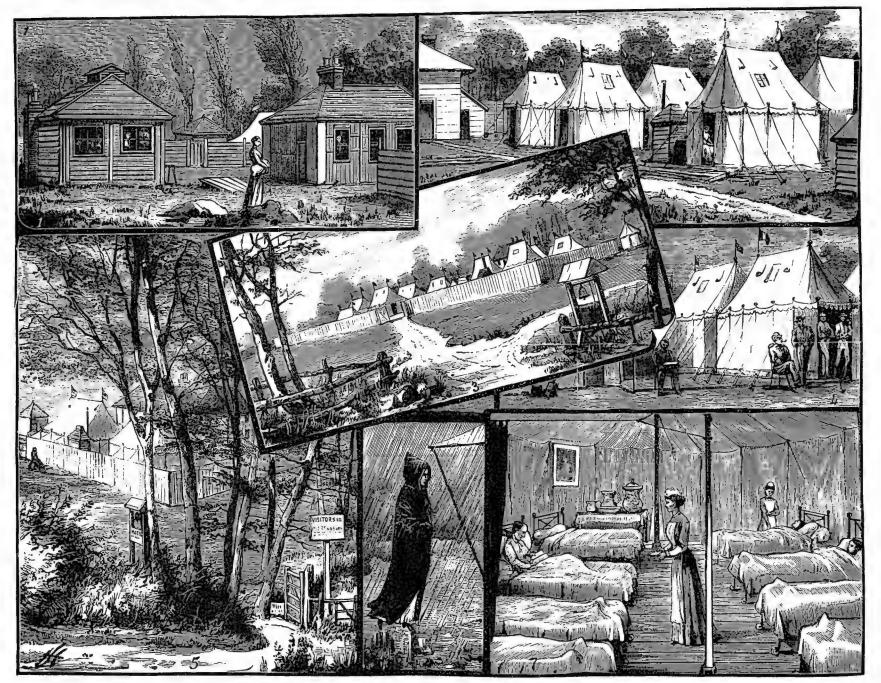
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GENERAL CHESTER A. ARTHUR, Vice-President of the United States



1. The Laundry and Kitchen.—2. Ward Tents and Nurses' Tent.—3. The Hospital, from the Entrance to the Grounds.—4. The Medical Officer's Tent and Ward Tents.—5. The Entrance from Tatterdown Lane.—6. The Matron in Rainy Weather.—7. Interior of a Ward Tent.

# THE STORY OF THE VOLUNTEERS

CHARLES WILLIAMS

WHEN the History of the Nineteenth Century comes to be philosophically written, much that nowadays seems very important will have to be left on one side, and many things to which we have become so accustomed that they interest us little will take their due place as potent factors in the estimate that posterity will form of us. The influence of the Volunteer Movement of 1859 on European policy and on the formation, or the reformation, of our national character will undoubtedly take in this connection high national character will undoubtedly take in this connection high honours. Twenty-two years and two months have passed since the United Kingdom armed itself in the full sense of the words; but the time has not yet come for us to realise the entire force of the fact. It may be said, perhaps, that the movement saved us less from the French than from ourselves. The vapouring of the Gallic colonels gave our young men something to do and think of besides business and billiards, cricket and football.

The youth of England was on fire, . . . And now throve the armourer,

as in the days when the Fifth Henry set out from Southampton not to return till Agincourt was won. If anybody doubted that we are to return till Agincourt was won. If anybody doubted that we are the same people we were in the long-gone centuries he was satisfied, or should have been satisfied, two-and-twenty years ago—he should be satisfied now. We may lack great statesmen from time to time, or capable generals—leaders in one form or another; but we shall never want men, so long as the spirit lives in us which shows itself more brilliantly than ever at Windsor to-day, the same spirit which burst out in the spring of 1859, as it partially broke out before in 1852, and as it flamed half-a-century earlier when the troops of France, some hundred thousand men, marched up the Honvault heights and then marched back again.

### VOLUNTEERING BY OUR GRANDFATHERS

THERE is no doubt that Volunteering on a large scale for home defence practically began in Ireland. In 1779 there was an Irish difficulty. We were at war with America, and the sister island was writhing under real wrongs which she saw an opportunity of remedying. Her complaints of unnecessary restrictions on her trade were not attended to; the religion of the bulk of her people was proscribed. The English Ministry found it could not repress was proscribed. The English Ministry found it could not repress the national feeling, and therefore yielded to it. Her trade was freed; the Roman Catholics were liberated from a portion of their thraldom, and the defence of the country was confided to the hands of the loyalists who, to the number of 20,000, with arms in their bands, soon forced from the British Ministry what the English Parliament had refused to humble petitions. The difficulty over, Volunteering lapsed in Ireland really if not nominally till the French Revolutionary war. Then it began all over the Three Kingdoms, the hurried effort of a patriotic instinct horrified by the incidents of the Reign of Terror, and convinced that the threat of extending the Revolution to England was not idle menace, but a declaration of a determined purpose. The glorious First of side, like everything else. In looking over the coarse and cheap sarcasms of the day in volume or portfolio, by this artist or author and by that, we seem to live over again the days when "Who shot the dog?" was the summit level of street wit—the days when we shot away our ramrods recklessly in the exuberance of our patriotism.



A LIGHT HORSEMAN-A HINT TO SCULPTORS From a Caricature by James Gillray

What martial ardour filled our patriotic bosoms as we swung with steady pace and shoulders well back along the streets to Hungerford Hall and Hanover Park, Somerset House and Westminster Hall, Walham Green or Burlington House! What glowing periods did



George III. Duke of Kent Colonel Le Mesurier GEORGE III. AT THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW IN HYDE PARK, JUNE 4, 1799

June delivered our grandfathers from the dread of an immediate descent upon our shores, and it was not until 1798 that England became one huge camp of citizen soldiers. Then indeed, with a population of less than half that which now dwells within the four seas, these islands presented a magnificent—an altogether unexampled—spectacle. Out of a nation of but sixteen millions there uprose 410,000 Volunteers. One adult male out of every forty men, women, and children enrolled himself for the defence of his country. Excluding the 70,000 Irish Volunteers, England and Scotland, from a male population of less than five millions, contained forms 170,000 Volunteers, which had been contained to the beginning of 1804. over 250,000 Volunteers, who had increased in the beginning of 1804 to 341,600, or about one out of every fourteen males of all ages. Gillray's caricatures give us some idea of the popular feeling of the period. He laughed at the martial spirit of the wielders of the counter cloth-yard shaft; he roasted unpopular characters under the guise of Volunteers; he stung the Court and the camp, but he encouraged the pluck of the nation, which had no doubt its silly

we indite when careless editors gave our pens free rein! What patriotic pride there was in our manly voices as we roared out "Form, Riflemen, form!" or that, to my mind, better song of poor Sam Lover, full private in No. 1 Company of the London Irish, author and artist, "There's a barrel I have in my corner so snug," or the same genial companies the same genial companies to the same genial comp author and artist, "There's a barrel I have in my corner so snug," or the same genial companion's chanson, written for a Freemasons' Tavern dinner, "Fate cried out March when St. Patrick was born." Did we not feel inches taller when we heard "Rule Britannia," or "The Right Little, Tight Little Island"—nay did we not admire even Mr. Tupper's warlike strains, as we caroused after drill or sat around a Wimbledon camp fire! And methinks, as I look at Gillray, the child was here the father of the man. There were the same spirit, the same foibles, the same froth, the same zeal, the same nonsense in 1799 as there were sixty years after. But at least a portion of the Volunteers of the end of the eighteenth and the a portion of the Volunteers of the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century had stronger reasons for being in the ranks of the citizen soldiers than their grandsons. If they were

not Volunteers they were liable to be pressed. There was a compulsion about the affair from which the present race of men were



JOHN BULL TURNED VOLUNTEER

free. In 1803 and 1804 at least all able-bodied men had to drill if the parish officials did their duty, and, for those who could afford the who could afford the charges, it was clearly better to drill as Volun-teers than as mere levies. If we, with double the population, have never raised much more than half the number of Vohalf the number of Vo-lunteers that existed at the beginning of the century, when "Bona-party" was the bogey of every nursery and the theme of every old woman's tongue, there has been a reason for it. We have not had to jump into the fire to

escape the frying-pan. Still, with all the deductions that have to be made in common honesty; inefficient, according to all modern notions, as our grandfathers were, with roughly-made pikes often enough instead of muskets, with the church towers for armouries of enough instead of muskets, with the church towers for armouries of weapons which were miscellaneous incongruous and effeteeven in those times, with as much panic as patriotism, and more fear of the parish constable than either, too often urging men into the ranks of the defenders of their country, it cannot after all be denied that when the century was young, England presented a magnificent example to the nations of the world. Taxed in a fashion of which we, happily, know nothing, our grandfathers were equal to any sacrifices for their country's sake; and until the crowning mercy of Waterloo relieved them from the dread of the Corsican ogre, England stood, sometimes alone, against "the four corners of the world in arms," worthy to be the heir of the fame of the days when "high on St. Michael's Mount" the beacon light shone to warn the country of the approach of the Armada; worthy of people who, as one of the orators of the day said, were placed in "the only pass where lawless power, after covering the whole earth, could be successfully repelled—in the Thermopyke of the world."

### THE NEW VOLUNTEERS

IT was some little time after the Crimean War before the English people began to realise that it had made all its sacrifices for little, if not for nothing; before it saw that it ought not to have begun to fight, or, having begun, ought to have fought till it had secured all its objects. It was about 1857, when its eyes were fairly opened to the fact that we had gone into the Crimean War for certain definite the fact that we had gone into the Crimean War for certain definite purposes, and that not our purposes but those of the Emperor of the French had been served by the turn of affairs. When the British public realised this it, after its manner, began to suspect that every step taken by Napoleon III. was dictated by a steadfast desire to humiliate us—that this was only a new and subtle form of the Idles Napoleoniennes for the over-mastery of perfidious Albion, for the revenge of Waterloo. It is our way:

Did we never think so kindly, Did we never love so blindly,

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we should not so often be politically broken-hearted. Up till the
spring of 1856 France could do nothing wrong. She was our ally
true and tried and trusted. In 1857 she could do nothing rightly.
Then we remembered the Second of December, the swamps of
Cayenne, the manufactured Plebiscitum—we spoke of Judas kisses
in Buckingham Palace and in the Tuileries.

The New Year came. Orsin's attempt on the Emperor's life,
matured in England, was made in Paris. Lord Palmerston, willing
to do the Emperor a pleasure, and profoundly shocked at the use
which had been made of the right of asylum, introduced the
Conspiracy to Murder Bill, a most righteous measure in principle,
but not carefully framed. The people here, outraged by the
calculated venom of the French Colonels, would have none of it.
The "most English of Ministers" was hurled from power, and
when the Derby-Disraeli Ministry was formed, the leader of the
House of Commons said war with France was a question not of
days but of hours. Then an Old Bailey jury acquitted Dr. Simon
Bernard of the charge of conspiracy against the life of the French
Emperor. The feeling on both sides of the Channel grew more
intense; and it is not easy to say what might have happened, when
the levin bolt fell not towards this side of the Channel, but over the
Alps. The electricity was drawn off in another direction; but the
lesson had sunk deeply into the heart of the people. On a question
of Reform the Conservatives went out, having kept the peace with
difficulty; but before they went they gave a turn to the elections by
recognising and responding to the call of the country for safety at
home whatever might happen abroad—they sanctioned the formation
of Volunteer corps. Had they done it sooner it might have changed
the face of modern politics; as it was they were only beaten on a
vote of want of confidence by thirteen in the most crowded House
then known. A fortnight after Magenta, a week before Sol on Waterloo Day, and adopted the Volunteer movement at the first opportunity. It was no longer a party question even in seeming; it was a National Resolve.

### PROMOTERS AND PREDECESSORS

HERE it is necessary to tread full lightly. Respect for the undoubted claims of those who are gone over to the majority, regard for the feelings and rights of those who yet remain, equally compel frankness and reticence. But the story of the Volunteer movement would not be complete without a statement of what had been done before the War Office Circular was issued in May, 1859, and by whom the immediate impetus was given when the rising tide was utilised,

if not for election purposes, at least in time to sway many votes.

Accordingly here we must try back.

The Honourable Artillery Company of London is not, strictly speaking, a portion of the Volunteers, though it is the oldest Volunteer organisation. There is little or no doubt that it is the legitimate successor of the identical body to which King Henry VIII. gave a charter as "Overseers of ye Scyence of Artyllary, yt ys to wyt, for long bowes, cross bowes, and hand gonnes." This body was the

Guild of St. George, and to it was granted a long lease of the Old Artillery Garden in Moorfields, famous for ages even then as a training-ground for archers. The Guild was replaced by the Honourable Artillery Company in 1610, or thereabouts. An order in Council by James I. in 1612 recites the terms of a petition from the

public stores at Woolwich it is only because so good guns could not be obtained elsewhere. The King or the Heir Apparent is commonly, a Prince of the Blood is always, Captain General and Colonel of the Company, and since 1842 the field officers, since 1849 all the officers, have held the Queen's Commission even when

the Militia and the Volunteers had only Commissions from the Lords-Lieutenants of Counties. The H. A. C.'s are not so strong as they might be; but they are a nucleus of all arms, as they consist of a battery of field artillery, a troop of light cavalry, a battalion of rifles (or rather grenadiers) and a veteran company. The uniform is hardly to be distinguished from that of the Grenadier Guards, and I have seen Guards' sentries salute privates of the II. A. C. wearing sling-belts. The Prince of Wales has been Captain-General and Colonel since the death of his father in 1861, and is rather grenadiers) and a since the death of his father in 1861, and is known to take a very considerable interest in the management of the ancient force, which, however, is internally ruled less by His Royal Wichess and the Light ruled less by His Royal Highness and the Lieut.-Colonel, Sir Robert Loyd-Lindsay, M.P., than by the Court of Assistants, elected by the members. The next corps in point of standing is the Exeter or 1st Devon Rifles. In

1851 a number of gen-tlemen met at the Athe-

næum in the Cathedral City on the Exe, and agreed to become riflemen næum in the Cathedral City on the Exe, and agreed to become Member if the Government would accept their services, representing that the Western coasts were practically undefended, and that they would be responsible for them. Sir George Grey would not allow the privilege solicited. He seemed to have suspected that there was



ARMED HEROES From a Caricature by James Gillray

citizens, who said they were "moved by the examples of other flourishing cities and states over the sea, together with the precedent of certain worthy citizens of London heretofore exercising in arms."

Accordingly leave was given to practise arms and to choose such officers as they thought fit. There was some legal trouble between this new body and the master gunner representing the old Guild, and in 1657 the old Guild bength out the page Company which the

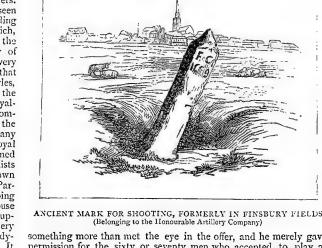
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ANCIENT MARK FOR SHOOTING, FORMERLY IN FINSBURY FIELDS

(Belonging to the Honourable Artiflery Company)

or on field or review days it pays for out of its own funds; and if it condescends to borrow a battery of light guns from the

out the new Company, which then removed to its present quarters. removed to its present quarters. Meanwhile the men had seen service. They were the leading corps of the London levies which, according to Clarendon, were the first to drive off the cavalry of Prince Rupert. Yet it is very clear from their own signatures that Prince Rupert British Charles Prince Rupert, Prince Charles, the Duke of York, Charles the Elector Palatine, and other Royal-ists were members of the Company. Since the Restoration the Honourable Artillery Company has always ruled high in Royal favour. It is the only armed body in the kingdom which exists by the sole authority of the Crown without the intervention of Pariliament. Perhaps it is not going too far to say that if the House of Commons were to stop the supplies the Honourable Artillery Company would be the only bodyguard left to the Sovereign, takes nothing from the public,



something more than met the eye in the offer, and he merely gave permission for the sixty or seventy men who accepted to play at soldiers. It was reserved for the Right Hon. Spencer Walpole who still holds an honoured place in the House of Commons, to accept on behalf of the Crown the service of the corps, as he did in March, 1852. This gives Devon the right of standing as No. I in the Army List. the Army List. But a hundred years before Exeter had possessed its Volunteers. In a curious pamphlet in the British Museum,

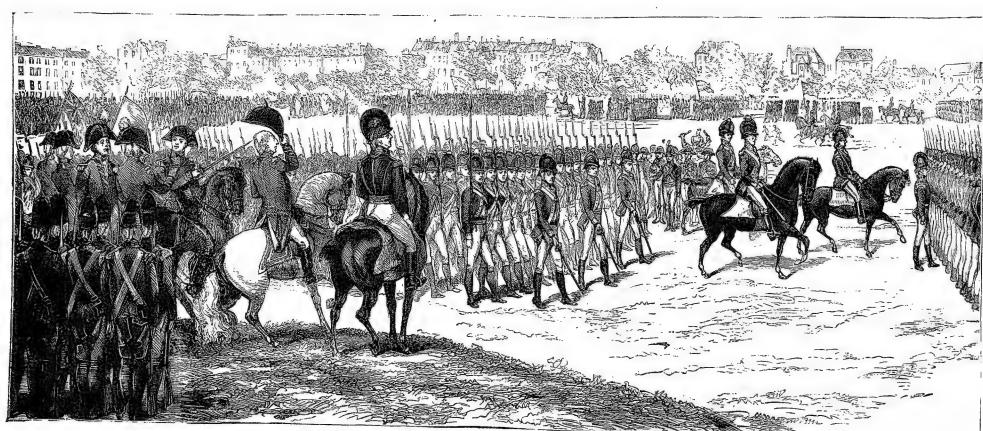
dated Exeter, 1746, I read: "Every one knows that on the Breaking out of the present unnatural Rebellion in the North Associations in all parts were made, subscriptions open'd, and men raised at the Expence of particular Bodies, for His Majesty's Service. This Place was not the most backward in expressing their Zeal; and tho' a City that for many Years has been distracted by Party Divisions and Civil Discord, yet on this Occasion there appeared the greatest Harmony; and a generous Spirit of Emulation for promoting the Common Good fired every Man's Breast. An Association was immediately enter'd into by above a Thousand Persons, who engaged to risk their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of His Majesty's Person and Government. The Consequence of this was, a voluntary subscription for raising a Number of Men for the Security of this Country; and every Person subscribed as his Zeal and Abilities led him on. Amongst the rest, about Eighty young Tradesmen, whose Zeal would not suffer them in such imminent Danger to serve His Majesty by Praxy, generously offer'd to expose their own Persons in his Defence. Accordingly, Application was made to Mr. Mayor, to permit us to form a Company of Volunteers, and that it should be attended with no other Expense to His Majesty than the Supplying us with Arms. This he readily comply'd with, and was pleas'! to express his Approbation of it in such a manner, as gave Spirit to the Undertaking. We immediately apply'd ourselves with the utmost Diligence to learn the military Discipline; which we continued about a Week, when a meeting was held at the Guildhall, and a Pattern-Coat produced for our Approbation. Which, after some Objections made to the Trimming, was (with a small Alteration) unanimously approved of. But in spite of the approval of the uniform, disser sions broke out, and, the tradesmen Volunteers refusing to drill along with the common men, the Company was dissolved, after having been charged with petty rebellion because the young tradesmen insisted on firing three volleys on H dated Exeter, 1746, I read: "Every one knows that on the

came together, though when the movement of 1859 began the Victorias were found ready, and soon sprang into a strength of 600 men, which might have been doubled, but that the "Vics" rather prided themselves on being exclusive and expensive. They have not been so prominent of late years as in the early days of the movement, when they were celebrated for their cookery, their camp-fires, their songs, and their comic publications in prose and verse—notably that delightful little paper, the *Earwig*, called after the most perseveringly obtrusive inhabitant of the Surrey Heath.

Next in the list comes the 1st Lancashire or Liverpool Corps. Inspired by the example of Exeter and London, and by the feeling that there was war in the air, Mr. Bousfield, a well-known inhabitant of the now City on the Mersey, succeeded in 1853 in forming a Drill Club. The Government declined to embody it as a corps, but it lived on and even grew in spite of opposition till in 1857 it took the title of the Liverpool Rifle Corps. But it was not till 1859 that, on the motion of Sir Duncan MacDougal, the Government accepted the services of the corps, which therefore entitles the courty that "says to-day what England says to-morrow" to the third place on the Volunteer roll. The people of Liverpool showed their gratitude to Colonel Bousfield by presenting him in April, 1861, with a sword of honour and a purse of 1,800/., and they have continued to esteem

him ever since.

Another corps which sprang out of a Rifle Club is the 1st Surrey Rifles. In 1849 there lived at Peckham a Mr. Boucher, who had been a Sergeant-Major in the 5th Dragoon Guards under Sir J. Yorke Scarlett, and who was appointed on his retirement from the army to a moderately endowed post in the Court of Exchequer. He, with Mr. Rolla Rouse, of Champion Hill, and other gentlemen in the neighbourhood, started a club at Hanover Park, Peckham, for athletic exercises. In 1852 the use of the rifle was added to bowls, quoits, and curling, and the society became the Hanover Park Rifle Club. Through the influence of General Scarlett the use of the Government range at Plumstead was secured, but by 1858 the original members had nearly all resigned, and there were only the original members had nearly all resigned, and there were only five or six left together, when in May, 1859, Mr. Boucher and Mr. Rouse offered to raise a corps. The application was sent through the Lieutenant of Surrey (Lord Lovelace), and as he happened to be abroad there was a few days' delay, but for which the Peckhau



GEORGE III. REVIEWING THE METROPOLITAN VOLUNTEERS IN HYDE PARK: JUNE 4TH, 1799-THE MARCH PAST

application would have reached Pall Mall before that from Liverpool. Unhappily, in the first year of the corps there was a difference of opinion about money expended on a drill-shed, and Mr. Boucher, who had become Colonel, resigned, Mr. Rouse taking the command of a Suffolk Corps. The 1st Surrey has always held a high position to the force, though it has not surplied a large presenting of all the corps. of a Suffolk Corps. The 1st Surrey has always held a high position in the force, though it has not supplied a large proportion of distin-

It would be tedious to go through the list even of the first dozen corps, and it may be said at once that the seniority of the counties stands as follows:—

1. Devonshire; 2. Middlesex; 3. Lancashire; 4. Surrey; 5. Pembrokeshire; 6. Derbyshire; 7. Oxford-hire; 8. Cheshire; 9. Wiltshire; 10. Sussex; 11. Edinburgh (City); 12. Essex; 13. Northumberland; 14. Renfrewshire; 15. Northamptonshire; 16. Dorsetshire; 17. Norfolk; 18. Staffordshire; 19. Herkshire; 20. Gloucestershire; 21. Brecknockshire; 22. Suffolk; 23. Stirlingshire; 24. Bucks; 25. Lanarkshire; 26. Kent; 27. Glamorgan; 28. Nottinghamshire; 29. Merionethshire; 30. Yorkshire (West Riding); 31. Leicestershire; 32. Midlothian; 33. Aberdeenshire; 34. Roxburgh; 35. Cinque Ports; 36. Monmouthshire; 37. Cornwall; 38. Ross-shire; 39. Worcestershire; 40. Inverness-shire; 41. Warwickshire; 42. Lincolnshire; 43. Derbighshire; 44. Hampshire; 45. Somersetshire; 46. Forfar; 47. Cambridgeshire; 48. Shropshire; 49. London; 50. Yorkshire (East Riding); 51. Hertfordshire; 53. Perthshire; 53. Evrikshire; 54. Suthreland; 55. Kincardineshire; 56. Haverfordwest; 57. Haddington; 58. Isle of Wight; 59. Ayrshire; 60. Dumfries; 67. Elgin; 62. Argyll; 63. Cardigan; 64. Durham; 65. Wigtown; 66. Buteshire; 70. Dumbarton; 71. Huntingdon; 72. Carnarvonshire; 73. Montgomeryshire; 74. Orkney; 75. Carmarthen; 76. Caithness; 77. Kirk-cudbright; 78. Westmoreland; 79. Fifeshire; 80. Bedfordshire; 81. Newcastle-ch-Tyne; 82. Linithgowshire; 83. Selkirkshire; 84. Clackmannan; 85. Tower Hamlets; 90. Nairn; 91. Peeblesshire; 92. Isle of Man; 93. Kinross-shire; 94. Anglesey.

To whom belongs the honour of starting the movement may to some extent be gathered from what has been said. But there are and have been other claimants who did as much as those already mentioned. And undoubtedly twenty-two years before General Peel's Circular of May, 1859, Captain Hans Busk drew the attention of Lord Melbourne's Góvernment to this theoretical "cheap defence of nations." A member of the Victoria Rifle Club as soon as it

Marcus Beresford, Sir T. Gresley, Colonel North, M.P., Colonel Vincent A. King, Sir Charles Shakerley, Colonel Moorsom, Colonel Moncrieff and Colonel David Davidson of Edinburgh, Sir

Vincent A. King, Sir Charles Shakerley, Colonel Moorsom, Colonel Moncrieff and Colonel David Davidson of Edinburgh, Sir Claude de Crespigny and Colonel Capper of Essex, Colonel Potter of Tynemouth, Sir M. R. S. Stewart, Lord Spencer, Sir R. Loyd Lindsay, Colonel Bush, Sir Archibald Campbell, Colonel Crawfurd, and Major Patchell of Nottingham, Colonel F. Winn Knight, Colonel J. O. Mason, Colonel O. J. A. Grimston, Major Vallancey, Colonel G. M. Hicks, Colonel Alderman Rose, of whom the story is told that, forgetting the proper word of command, he ordered the battalion to "turn up Basinghall Street," Major G. A. Spottiswoode, Colonel the Hon. W. E. Duncombe, Colonel J. S. Walker, Major Samuda, and I dare say many more among the Infantry.

In the pioneers of the Artillery, I can remember Major Potter, Colonel Sturdee, Sir Warwick Tonkin, Colonel Estridge, Colonel Wellwood, Colonel Gilbert, Colonel Sir J. Gardiner Baird, Colonel C. A. Ellis, Colonel William Brown, Major Clay, Colonel MacIver, Colonel Dougall, Colonel M. Samuelson, Major Saville, Colonel Chaloner, Colonel Lloyd, Major Salkeld, Major Earl Vane, now Marquis of Londerry, Captain Allhusen, Sir Arthur Elton, Sir J. W. Ramsden. And among the earliest Engineers, the names of Colonel MacLeod of MacLeod stands out conspicuous, while in the Cavalry of the force the names that best deserve to be remembered are those of the Duke of Manchester, Captain T. D. Acland, Captain Walter Meller, and, though last, far from least, Colonel Bower.

### THE SUMMER OF 1850

Colonel M'Murdo and General Hay, respectively Inspector of Auxiliary Forces and Commandant of the School of Musketry at Hythe, took the movement up very warmly, and did what they could not only to help it but to push it. All honour to them for it. But just at first they helped one side of the movement rather than the other. Two mistakes arose out of the desire to make the service attractive. One was the multiplication of independent companies arose in the same district. Little isolated bodies of from to to even in the same district. Little isolated bodies of from 70 to 100 men obtained authorisation, as soon as the formalities could be

gone through, in preference to battalions. In the rural districts this was a necessity In the rural districts this was a necessity perhaps; in the large towns it proved to be a blunder. Company drill is in the nature of things valuable only as a stepping-stone to higher organisation. And this policy of splitting up recruits into independent companies made the force look more and more like a congeries of rifle clubs rather than a body of soldiers. To be able to go through company drill and to be able to shoot—these were the things aimed at, and the attention bestowed upon the Volunteers who went through the Hythe course of musketry instruction the Hythe course of musketry instruction was so great that General Hay became, before many months, one of the most popular men, as he was one of the most popular men, as he was one of the most devoted soldiers, in the country. He was an enthusiast about the rifle—he told his pupils they should love their rifles as they loved their lasses, and his enthusiasm was very catching. One voice, however, was raised soon, and from time to time, against undue devotion to the rifle. His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief gave his advice always for drill, and especially for battalion drill. It was due to the Duke of Cambridge in large measure that the mistake of forming isolated companies [instead of forming isolated companies linstead of battalions did not go further. He never lost sight of the need for an ensemble if the Volunteers were to be aught but a broken reed for the nation to lean on. We have since seen how very right was

We have since seen how very right was His Royal Highness's view, and now independent companies are not the rule but the exception. Even where they exist they are, nominally at least, subordinate. The "War Office Circular" having been issued a month and four days, it was found that, owing to official or other delays, only twelve corps had applied formally for enrolment. But even they needed some rules for their government. Accordingly a long Memorandum was promulgated, and as soon as the people knew to what the Volunteers were to be liable offers poured in upon the War liable offers poured in upon the War Office in utterly bewildering numbers, so that within twelve months from the date of the May Circular there was a sworn of the May Circular there was a sworn citizen army of 124,000 men. Rightly or wrongly, at the time there was a deeply-rooted fear of asking the Volunteers "to do too much," as it was phrased; of "interfering too much with their self-organisation," and so on. One consequence of this was that it became a point of with write work come to have its

quence of this was that it became a point of pride with every corps to have its uniform and equipments as different as possible from any other. One fixed on light grey, one on brown grey, another on dark grey; this one on the uniform of the Rifle Brigade, that on the dress of the 60th Royal Rifles; yet another, and there were very few indeed of these, on the national scarlet. In Surrey alone, I believe, the Lieutenant of the County insisted on a County uniform, and chose that of the 60th as a model, the wits said because it was like his own livery. Middlesex was hardly more motley than other counties, and a list of its uniforms will serve as a sample of the rest: grey, facings scarlet; grey, facings grey; green, facings black; light grey, facings blue; green, facings green; dark grey, facings of blue; green, facings scarlet; dark grey, facings light green; and so on, the word "grey" including five or six shades, the belts and head-dresses being moreover as varied in colour and form as the ingenuity of civilian tailors could devise. It is not too much to say that this was both a grievous error and a testimony to the existence of diverse theories as to what the Volunteer Force should be. The prevailing notice undoubtedly was that it was to the existence of diverse theories as to what the Volunteer Force should be. The prevailing notion undoubtedly was that it was never to become an army—it was to consist more or less of irregulars who were to know a little about drill and a great deal bout shooting. about shooting. But presently it was discovered that there were in every company a number of men who cared little or nothing about shooting, and cared a great deal about drill—that, in point of fact, those who were devoted to shooting were in quite a minority. The story is still told in one corps of a master tailor who was taken to the Plumstead Marshes, had a short Enfield rifle put into his hand, and was bidden to fire at the target at 150 yards range. He protested he had never had a gun in his hand before, but he did as he was told, and hit the mark with all his five shots; that being thus recognised as a "natural shot" he was carefully put through position and aiming drill, after which he could never get one shot in four on to a target at any range, and indeed never even "classed" until he got a commission in another corps. And it was found that there were thousands who, like this worthy soul, would go to drill five days a week, yet shunned the ranges whenever they could.

### THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

BUT before this was entirely realised a step had been taken which may be said to have given the Force a centre and rallying point as an organisation for using the rifle. The National Rifle Association was founded on the 16th November, 1859, by a number of prominent commanding officers, who chose an officer in the Austrian an organisation for using the rifle. The National Rifle Association was founded on the 16th November, 1859, by a number of prominent commanding officers, who chose an officer in the Austrian service, Captain St. John Mildmay, now one of the equerries to the Duke of Cambridge, as Secretary, a post which he still retains and adorns. A month before, the force had started its own newspaper, the Volunteer Service Gazette, soon afterwards recognised as the official organ of the movement. The N. R. A. originally intended to shift its place of meeting from year to year, but, as everybody knows, it has never migrated from Wimbledon, where it commences its twenty-second meeting on Monday next. The winter was devoted to drill and organisation, and really rapid progress within certain limits was made. A great impetus was given to the Force in the spring of 1850. The lamented Prince Consort, I believe, first conceived the idea that it would be well if Her Majesty associated herself intimately with the growing citizen army; and as a first fruits of this a double battalion of Volunteer officers—no fewer than 2,500 indeed—were received by the Queen in a special Levée at St. James's Palace. Over a thousand of them dined together the same night at St. James's Hall, when the Duke of Cambridge took the chair, and enlarged upon his favourite text that drill was every bit as necessary as shooting. A little later it was intimated that probably the Sovereign would review her Volunteers during the summer, and this never-to-be-forgotten occasion was at length fixed for the 23rd of June in Hyde Park. The wags were soon at work. The Iron Duke had once said there were few generals in the British Army who could get 20,000 men into that park, or, having got them there, get them out again. But it was done somehow, for 18,450 men began to enter the enclosure after one o'clock that Saturday, and were all in position before four. There were striplings of eighteen there and septuagenarians. One of the latter, Mr. Tower, of Wealdhall in Essex, had

possessed the colours of some of these in 1860;—

Loyal Islington Foot; Royal Westminster; Loyal Hackney; St. George's Regiment; Hon. Artillery Company; Bloomsbury and Inns of Court; St. James's; North East London; Loyal Hambsend; Temple; Loyal Pimilio; Finsbury Square; Somerset Place; Knight Marshals; Three Ward Associations, Stoke Newington; Tottenham; Enfeid; Edmonton; Hans Town; St. Andrew and St. George's; St. Clement Danes; Clerkenwell; St. Sepulchre; St. George's, Bloomsbury; Loyal London; St. Luke's, Chelsea; Brentford; St. Margaent's and St. John's; St. Marylebone; St. Martin's Union; Chiswick; St. Paul's, Covent Garden; Fulham; St. George's, Hanover Square; South East London; Streatham; Limehouse; Ratcliff; Clapham; Battersa; St. Catherine's; Poplar and Blackwall; Whitechapel; Highgate; Lambeth; St. Pancras and Kentish Town; Wapping; Hendon; St. Olave; Eight Ward Associations; Sloteditch; Kensington, &c. Cavalry in Line—Loyal Islington; Westminster; Clerkenwell; Battersea; Clapham; Wimbledon; Lambeth; Dept ford; with, as Cavalry keeping the ground, London and Westminster Light Horse; Southwark Horse; and Surrey Yeomanry.

"These," says the record, "paraded in honour of their Sovereign's Birthduy, and by their Loyal, Steady, and Military Appearance showed themselves both willing and able to defend their King and Constitution. An Event unequalled in History, Grand, and highly gratifying to the Heart of every Briton, and at the same time truly formidable to the Enemies of this Country."

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The Review of 1860 was a grand sight indeed seen either from the hollow square of spectators or from the ranks; and it was well characterised in a General Order published two days later as "memorable in the annals of our times." I have said that the existence of the Volunteer Force has undoubtedly exercised a great influence on European policy, but perhaps that influence has not been so great as some of us, on that wondrous day, thought it would be. We expected Paris to tremble; but Paris tried, not very successfully rephaps to lawrib. Vet the gibes of the houlevaries did not recovery We expected Paris to tremble; but Paris tried, not very successfully perhaps, to laugh. Yet the gibes of the boulevardiers did not prevent many thousands of Britons from believing the story that Louis Napoleon was recognised by some old fellow-constable in the Park, disguised in a shooting jacket and wideawake, and smoking a cigar, having run over to look on at this array for "Defence, not Defiance," just as, it was said, his uncle had once come over—a fact not verified in history—to have a quiet chat with Pitt. Perhaps the best and truest verdict pronounced on that day was uttered by a military member of the Prussian Embassy at a London club the same evening, "These men are not soldiers yet, but they will be."

Nine days after the Review the National Rifle Association began its first meeting on Wimbledon Common. The Queen, guarded by a select number of Volunteers,—ah me, how proud were we who were chosen for the honour!—received an address in a pavilion near the Wimbledon end of the Common, and returned a gracious reply; the Prince Consort was also addressed; we who were presenting arms all the time thought it would never be over; then Her Majesty pulled a string attached to the trigger of a Whitworth

presenting arms all the time thought it would never be over; then Her Majesty pulled a string attached to the trigger of a Whitworth rifle, well laid, bedded in a machine rest; the bullet certainly struck the target, a red and white flag signalled a bull's eye; the first Wimbledon meeting was opened, and in ten minutes the firing was general at the various ranges over the Common. When the work of the week was ended—for a week then sufficed for what can now he hardly conversed into a fortische the be hardly crammed into a fortnight—the prizes were presented at the Crystal Palace; and three days later we learnt with a grim sort of satisfaction, since imitation is the highest kind of flattery, that by Imperial decree France was henceforth to have a Tir National which, we said to one another, and the words came true, is a thing that can only flourish in a free country.

### OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

While the Rifle Corps were thus, over a twelvemonth, "lengthen-their cords and strengthening their stakes" in the country, it had occurred to others that there were ways of doing equally good service without shouldering long Enfields and learning infantry drill. It is perhaps hardly worth while to try to discover whether artillery, engineer, or mounted corps were first thought of. It is enough to know that in the artillery section of the Volunteers the first corps formed was at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the next at Southampton. Northumberland and Hampshire took the lead in this most valuable movement. The counties have seniority in the following order :-

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1. Northumberland; 2. Hampshire; 3. Devonshire; 4. Sussex; 5. Edinburgh (City); 6. Cornwall; 7. Midlothian; 8. Norfolk; 9. Banff; 70. Kent; 11. Forfaxshire; 12. Essex; 13. Lancashire; 14. Kincardine; 15. Cinque Ports; 16. Renfrewshire; 17. Dorsetshire; 18. Fifeshire; 19. Glamorganshire; 20. Haddington; 21. Lanarkshire; 22. Yorkshire (East Riding); 23. Ayrshire; 24. Argyll; 25. Gloucestershire; 26. Pembrokeshire; 27. Yorkshire (North Riding); 28. Cheshire; 29. Cathness; 30. Lincolnshire; 31. Aberdeenshire; 32. Berwickshire; 33. Kirkcudbright; 34. Inverness-shire; 35. Elgin; 36. Stirlingshire; 37. Wigtown; 38. Dumbarton; 39. Berwick-on-Tweed; 40. Cumberland; 41. Durham; 42. Cromarty; 43. Koss-shire; 44. Orkney; 45. Nairn; 46. Sutherlandshire; 47. Shropshire; 48. Yorkshire (West Riding); 49. Newcastle-on-Tyne; 50. Somerset; 51. Midlesex; 52. Suffolk; 53. Tower Hamlets; 54. Monmouthshire; 55. Surrey; 56. Anglesey; 57. Isle of Man; 58. Staffordshire; 59. Carnaryon; 60. Bute; 61. London (City); 62. Worcester.



UNIFORM OF THE INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY, 1797-1822

was formed, he never ceased to agitate this subject whenever an opportunity offered. He was deemed by many to have a "bee in his bonnet" on the question, and in not a few editorial rooms he was undoubtedly regarded as a decided bore. When in 1853 he published his well-known book on the Use of the Rifle, he began to find himself not without disciples. Next to him, it seems to me stands the name of Alfred Richards. him, it seems to me, stands the name of Alfred Bate Richards, founder of the 3rd London Working Men's Corps, and afterwards Editor of the Morning Advertiser. To him is due the practical step of calling, at his own cost, a meeting at St. Martin's Hall, more recently the Queen's Theatre; and this caught the attention of the public. Within a month the affair was finished; the War Office Circular was out, and the enrolment was begun. Sir Duncan M\*Dougal and others deserve also credit for having early seen what was wanted, and endeavoured to make others see it

But this record would be very incomplete if it did not contain some reference to the men who stood to the front as soon as the movement began, and who bore the burden and heat of the day. Major Wilkinson was always ready when wanted; and so was Major Whitehead. And then we come to Lord Ranelagh, Lord Truro, Lord Radstock, Colonel the Hon. C. H. Lindsay, Lord Elcho, the present Duke of Westminster, Captain Templer, Colonel Elcho, the present Duke of Westminster, Captain Templer, Colonel Tom Hughes, Colonel Bigge, Lord Bury, Colonel Brewster, the Marquis of Donegall, Lord Enfield, Captain the Hon. T. C. Bruce, Major Jeakes, Captain Phillips, among whose lieutenants and ensigns were A. J. Lewis, J. E. Millais, and Frederick Leighton; Major Ashton of Manchester, Sir Richard Cross, Major Bourne of Liverpool, Major Gray of Bolton, Colonel Deakin and Major J. Snowdon Henry of Manchester, Major Hill of Salford, Colonel

Before very long a National Artillery Association was formed, with Capt. John L. Rutley, of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery, as Secretary, and the Government, promptly recognising the great value of this branch of the movement, offered the use of the ranges at the Shoeburyness School of Gunnery once a year to the Association. Although the Volunteer Artillery has never been so popular, in one sense of the word, as the Rifle Volunteers, it has probably done quite as much to ensure the due protection of the country. And from the first it avoided the blunder of too great variety of uniform. Blue, with scarlet facings, was all but universally adopted, only such minor differences as red or white cord and black or brown busbies being tolerated. I may venture to express my own opinion that, as the Artillery Volunteers come less before the public while doing quite as good work for the country, they should be treated with even greater liberality than they are by the Government. The Metropolitan county—it may be said the South Kensington Museum—took the lead in the very useful branch of Engineer Volunteers, who have shown themselves certainly not less efficient than their comrades of the Artillery and the Infantry. Too often these corps are made to work simply as Infantry before the public; but it is well known in Pall Mall that their training in military engineering is of a very respectable order, and soldiers who have seen their inspections recognise that they are a most creditable portion of the Volunteer army:—

Their seniority is as follows:

r. Middlesex; 2. Lanarkshire; 3. Edinburgh (City); 4. Lancashire; 5. Newcastle-on-Tyne; 6. Yorkshire (West Riding); 7. Gloucestershire; 8. Cheshire; 9. Denbigh; 10. Tower Hamlets; 11. Cumberland; 12. Surrey; 31. Hampshire; 14. Clamorgan; 15. Essex; 16. Devon; 17. London; 18. Flint; 19. Northamptonshire; 20. Durham; 21. Somerset.

The one branch of the Volunteer movement which has not succeeded, as a general rule, ranks under two headings, "Light Horse Volunteers," the seniority of which, by counties, is as

x. Huntingdonshire; 2. Devonshire; 3. Lancashire; 4. Surrey; 5.

Hampshire; 6. Glamorgan; 7. Middlesex; 8. Norfolk; 9. Hertford; 10. Oxford; 11. Gloucester; 12. Lincoln; 13. Fifeshire; 14. Sussex;

and the Mounted Rifle Volunteers, whose seniority runs :-

r. Huntingdon; 2. Devonshire; 3. Wiltshire; 4. Lancashire; 5. Surrey; 6. Northamptonshire; 7. Cambridgeshire: 8. Hampshire; 9. Fiteshire; 10. Lincoln; 11. Derlyshire; 12. Glamorgan; 13. Essex; 14. Elgin; 15. Roxburgh; 16. Dumfriesshire.

If, as may be said without danger of injuring the feelings of any one concerned, half the energy that was thrown away upon Volunteer Horse had been applied to the improvement of the Yeomanry Cavaky of England, it can hardly be doubted the result would have been very much more satisfactory. And, perhaps, it is not too late even now to attempt the task of blending these two branches of a force which should be "the eyes and cars of the Volunteer army."

### PROGRESS

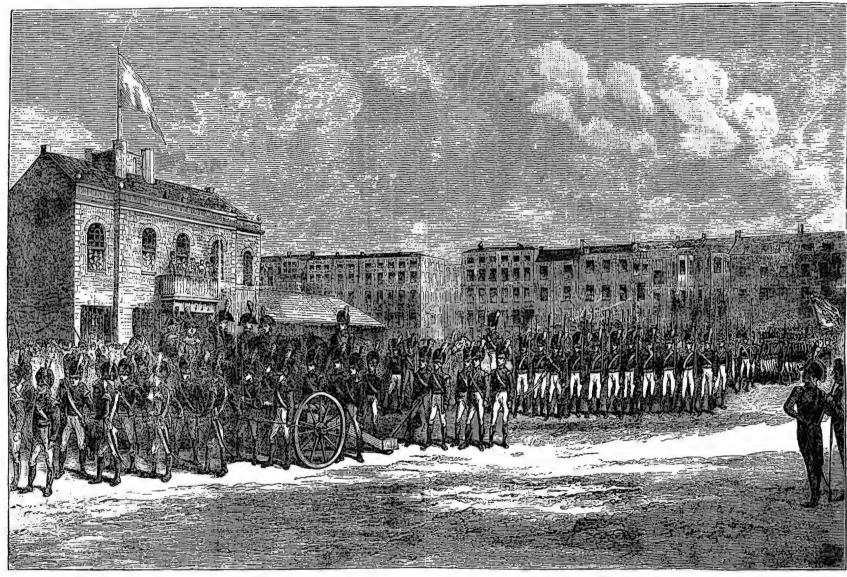
"NOTHING venture, nothing win," is an old proverb of which the "NOTHING venture, nothing win," is an old proverb of which the Elizabethan courtier propounded but a variation when he wrote "Fain would I climb, but that I fear to fall." Lord Ranelagh, remembering his war experience in Spain, has never been afflicted with any diffidence of the kind in Volunteer matters; but when it was announced that he had arranged for a field day of Volunteers just a week after the first Wimbledon meeting, military critics shook their heads. It was whiseered in the smoking-room of the "Rag." just a week after the first Wimbledon meeting, military critics shook their heads. It was whispered in the smoking-room of the "Rag," it was murmured in the bow-window of the "Junior," "these Volunteers want to run before they can walk." But the head of the House of Jones cared little for their sinister predictions. The men who had done so well in Hyde Park would not be likely to disgrace themselves at Chislehurst, and there he took 4,344 men on the 14th July, 1860, while the Government sent General Eyre to see whether there was anything in the notion. And there was. Lord Ranelagh and Col. Hicks carried on a very nice little sham fight in that Camden Park which a sad Fate afterwards strangely selected as the dwelling-place of Napoleon III. It was true there were blunders in detail, but they were noted, to be avoided in future. The men did not get to work till 7 P.M., but the evening was long. There was no cavalry, no artillery, and the people crowded round the ranks too much. But in the result the field-day was a success, and soldiers began to think they might have worse practice than in handling a lot

think they might have worse practice than in handling a lot of Volunteers.

I must not forget the grand review held at Edinburgh by the Queen and the Prince Consort on the 11th of August, the troops being under the command of General Wetherall. Nothing can be conceived more picturesque than the scene presented that day to the gude folk of Auld Reekie under the shadow of the mountain called Arthur's Seat, though when Arthur sat there is one of the number of Caledonian facts whose origin is lost in the mists of antiquity. The true name of the eminence, I need hardly say, signifies "the hill of arrows." There were present on this occasion 18,691 Scottish Volunteers, artillery and rifles, besides 1,831 English from this side of the Border. The same month no fewer than 11,000 Volunteers were reviewed in Knowsley Park by the Earl of Derby and the General commanding the Northern District; and on Michaelmas Eve there was another considerable assemblage of men on the Knavesmire at York. men on the Knavesmire at York.

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Before Parliament was prorogued, a valuable Act had been passed, facilitating the acquirement of rifle ranges by Volunteer corps, and in many other ways the movement was sinking deeply into the national life. I do not remember anything else very notable in the year 1860, save that the Volunteers were by no means inclined to go to sleep upon their merits. They had come already to learn not only that practice makes perfect in drill, though there to learn not only that practice makes perfect in drill, though there are a few who, whatever adjutants and sergeant-majors may say, should never be passed out of the awkward squad—a few who never can tell their left hand from their right without thinking for a while; but that a reasonable amount of drill is a wonderfully health-giving pursuit. Till late in the year Saturday marches-out were well attended, but in November the weather became too cold and wet. Even then company drill and skeleton battalion drill were kept going until, as an old sergeant of many years' line and



INSPECTION OF THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY BY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL THE EARL OF HARRINGTON AT HEAD QUARTERS, FINSBURY, 1803

militia service deprecatingly said to me, referring to a certain company, "they're astonishin' hungry for their drill."

### THE QUESTION OF COMMAND

ABOUT this time the Volunteers were divided into two schools. and as the spring approached the difference of opinion became marked. The champion of one school was Lord Ranelagh, the head of the other was Lord Bury. Both had served in the regular army, and the former had seen much fighting in Spain as a Volunteer. Lord Ranclagh believed the Volunteers should manage their own affairs with as little interference from the War Office or ertainly there was a good deal to be said for this, as the help hitherto given to the corps by Government was not very great. But Lord Bury took the sounder line. He urged that the citizen soldiers could never learn their work thoroughly except under trained officers, and that every opportunity of serving under the command of general officers and with regular soldiers should be seized. The question came to a head in March 1861. Lord Regulars recognize to bellet the little. in March, 1861. Lord Ranelagh proposed to hold a Review on Brighton Downs, and the proposal became speedily very popular, not only with the Volunteers but with the public. Lord Bury and his adherents held off. Now, although in principle Lord Bury was right, it cannot be denied that the movement received a remarkable invested from the Brighten Region which were believed. impetus from the Brighton Review, which was held on Laster Monday, April 1st, 1861, when 7,000 men were present, under the command of Lord Ranelagh, while Lord Bury took 4,000 men to Wimbledon. The military authorities held aloof from both schemes. They did not formally approve them, but neither did they (orbid them). And they were beth approved that they forbid them. And they were both successes. But the manæuvres on the Sussex Downs hit the fancy of the force and of the public far more than the brigade drill on the Surrey Heath; and an Easter Monday Review became established as almost an

At Wimbledon there was a review and field-day after the

Association's Meeting, at which the Duke of Cambridge commanded, and Colonel M'Murdo delivered himself of a little wholesome criticism of the simple skirmishing movements. The same mouth there was a large review of Regulars and Volunteers at Edinburgh, and another on Warwick Racecourse, where 9,000 Midland men put in a very creditable appearance. In August Sir G. Wetherall reviewed 9,000 Lancashire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire Volunteers at Newton-le-Willows; in September there was another review at York, and in October there was a capital field-day at Pollok Park, near Glasgow, when 2,700 men defended a position against the attack of 4,442. In the previous month the London Ritle Brigade set an example that was soon followed, so far as was possible, in other parts of the country—500 men going to Aldershot possible, in other parts of the country—500 men going to Aldershot to have a field-day with the Regulars. The 2nd (South) Middlesex spert Boxing Day there.

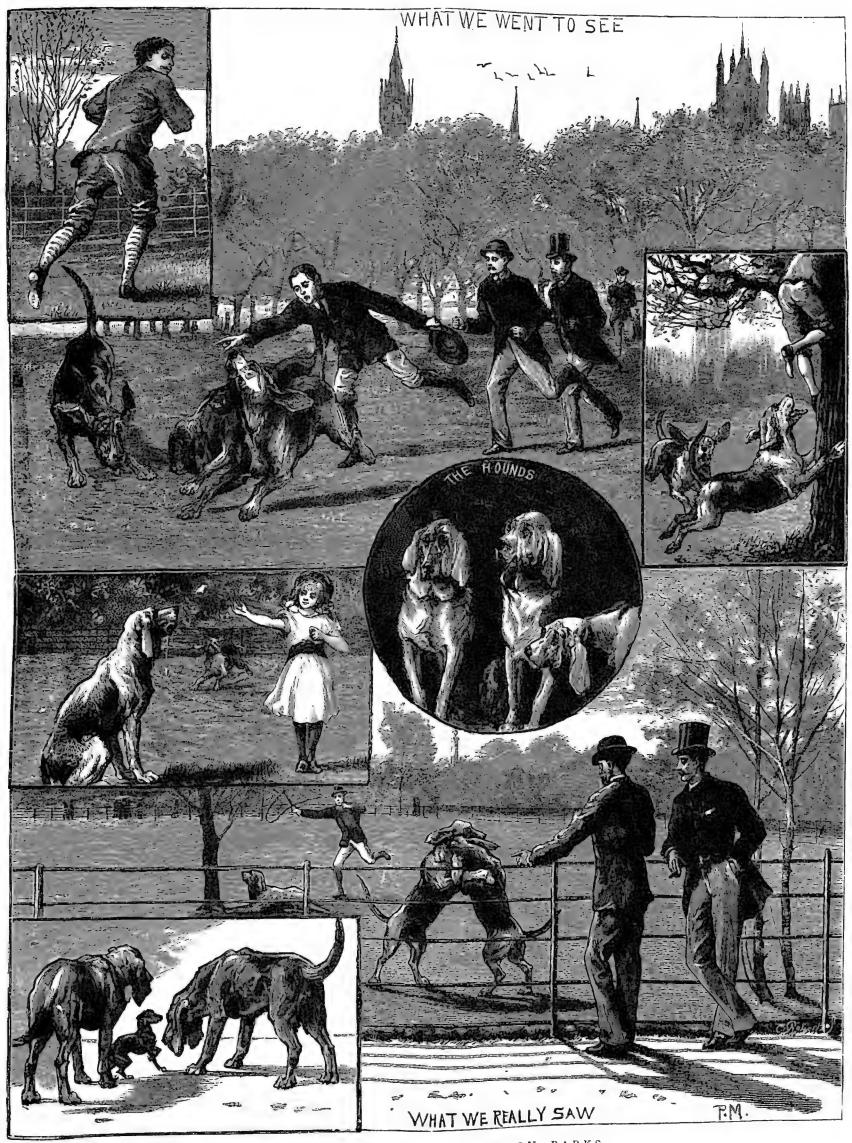
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All this year there was a steady progress in many ways. From the 1st of January the Volunteers had been forbidden to use in drill or class-shooting any weapon other than the regulation long or short Enfield rifle; and in other respects there was a fining down under criticism which was always welcomed by the best corps, even when it was somewhat harsily worded. With the end of the year the Volunteers lost a true friend. Albert the Good passed away, and, nearly a score of years ago though it be, some of us can remember canvassing the question whether the Volunteer movement had not been deprived of its himest stay at Court. But the idea had deeply roo ed itself among princes and peers as among the populace. As Virgil said of Fame so it was now said of the army of "civilian soldiers"—" Vires acquirit eundo."

### KNOTTY POINTS SETTLED

"EASTER came late in April—almost May," to quote poor Mortimer Collans, in 1862, and on Easter Monday, April 21st, the Volumeers received the distinguished honour of being handled on

the Brighton Downs by Colin Campbell, Lord Clyde. Lord Ranelagh and Lord Bury were thus both victorious, and the famous General signalised the union of the two schools by appointing as brigadiers half Regular and half Volunteer officers. The General took the greatest pains with this Review. He went over the ground several times in advance, and he laid down a plan of battle which showed that he, at least, did not despise the capacity of the Volunteers. Twelve thousand men were taken down from London early in the day—a great feat of railway work at the time—and 7,000 more were sent in by the Coast lines, so that with the local corps there were 20,000 men on Whitehawk Down. Lord Clyde gave the attack into the hands of that most capable soldier Colonel Brewster, of the Inns of Court Rifles, and he, with the "Devil's Own" and two light guns, represented most efficiently the enemy, who were supposed light guns, represented most efficiently the enemy, who were supposed to have landed near Newhaven, in spite of General Beattie's admirable fort there, and to have entrenched themselves above admirable fort there, and to have entrenched themselves above Rottingdean. A charge of the 18th Hussars was one of the features of the day, and Lord Clyde expressed his "marked approval" of the conduct of the Volunteers. The heavy guns were moved by the farmers of the South Coast, who "registered their names for the purpose, and promised to do the same thing whenever required." Where is that promise now? On July 12th, a Review of 10,000 men at Wimbledon was watched by no less a personage than Marshal MacMahon, Duke of Magenta. This year was notable for the first practical step towards the consolidation of the force. In March, at a meeting of Peers and Members of the Lower House, a resolution was passed in favour of the appointment of a Royal Commission to was passed in favour of the appointment of a Royal Commission to recommend measures for placing the Volunteers on a permanent footing. The Government consented. The Commission began its sittings in May, and made its Report in October. This document stated that on the 1st April the actual number of Volunteers enrolled was 162,681, of which 662 were Light Horse, 24,363 Artillery, 2,904 Engineers, 656 Mounted Rifles, and 134,096 Rifles. The latter were organised in 86 consolidated and 134 administrative



MAN-HUNTING IN THE LONDON PARKS

battalions. The Commission was in favour of a capitation grant checked by actual attendance, and firing a certain number of rounds—in short, by what is called efficiency; and a hope was expressed that the aid of the Government would not affect the amount of the support hitherto given by the community at large. The Times adopted the general opinion when it said that "the country may be well pleased to maintain the Volunteer army at so cheap a rate."

### MORE PROGRESS

On that never-to-be-forgotten Saturday in March, 1863, when the Sea King's Daughter was welcomed with thunder of fort and of fleet and thundering cheers of the street, 17,000 Volunteers lined the way through Hyde Park, besides the H.A.C. and the L.R.B. muster in the City. At the Brighton Review on April 6th, when Lord William Paulet commanded, and Colonel Brewster again represented the enemy, there were 20,000 Volunteers present. The Duke of Cambridge reported of the Wimbledon Review on July 18th, that an "excellent fire was maintained by the battalions in line, and the men showed great aptitude in skirmishing, while the artillery was efficiently handled." His Royal Highness, however, objected to an unpunctuality of an hour and a quarter; more particularly because "the Volunteer Force is now becoming a very efficient body of men, and valuable as a great auxiliary to the Regular army of the country." In a paper read by Colonel Allhusen before the British Association in September, it was stated that the force was then 159,000 of all ranks, 1,300 cavalry, 23,000 artillery, 2,500 country." In a paper read by Colonel Allhusen before the British Association in September, it was stated that the force was then 159,000 of all ranks, 1,300 cavalry, 23,000 artillery, 2,500 engineers, and 132,000 Rifle Volunteers. The "effectives," he said, "fall short of the number enrolled, drills are becoming less frequent, musters smaller, and recruits more difficult to enlist." The cost for the year 1863-64 was put in this paper at 321,884/., or 2l. os. 6d. per head. The Easter Review of 1864 was held at Guildford, where 17,000 men fell in. General Pennefather reported that "the movements were admirably done, the file firing was good, the volleys less so." On May 28th the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge reviewed 21,743 Volunteers in Hyde Park, the Heir Apparent heading a brigade, and the troops being drawn up in three divisions in line of contiguous columns. At the Wimbledon Review, although the movements of an ordinary field day were gone through, there was no firing, on account of the dangerous condition of Cooper, a Coldstream Guardsman, who had been shot through the lungs while acting as marker. But the troops again received commendation. In the following year, when the force cost 354,000l., General Walpole reported well of the Brighton Review and its 20,336 men; and a competent military critic wrote, "At no former gathering did the men look so soldierlike and so much at their ease in the field." In 1866 the Prince and Princess of Wales attended the Brighton Easter Review in vile weather, heavy hail and rain soaking the 20,095 men and the regiment of 1st Dragoon Guards, who went through a series of very exhausting manceuvres. On the 23rd June the Duke of Cambridge and Sir Hope Grant reviewed 15,000 Volunteers in Hyde Park, and much commended their "general steadiness." In the summer the first visit of the Belgian Volunteers took place, and in the following October 1,100 English Volunteers went to Brussels under Colonel Loyd-Lindsay to celebrate the anniversary of Belgian Independ celebrate the anniversary of Belgian Independence. None who were present can ever forget the abounding hospitality of King Leopold and his subjects, on which, unfortunately, space forbids me to enlarge.

### A NEW DEPARTURE IN REVIEWS

DURING the winter of 1866 there were a good many who asked the question what was taught by a Brighton or a Wimbledon Review? By that time the great bulk of the force had learnt to know how little they knew, and how unlike the operations of war were the manœuvres of Easter Monday and the Wimbledon Saturday. One almost inevitably speaks of the whole force from the London point of view, and ignores what is going on in the provinces, as the present canvas is too limited for so vast a subject. But no wrong is hereby done to the provinces, for it cannot be denied that the Volunteers of the Home Counties and the South Coast are a fair representation of those in the country at large, possessing the Volunteers of the Home Counties and the South Coast are a fair representation of those in the country at large, possessing all their merits and defects. But the feeling here spoken of was not Metropolitan only; it found expression chiefly in London, and an effort was here made to meet it. Some one started the idea of having a Review in combination with the Regulars at Aldershot or Dover or Portsmouth. Dover carried the day, and it is not too much to say that never before had the Easter Volunteer Review so closely approximated to the probabilities of tactics. General or Dover or Portsmouth. Dover carried the day, and it is not too much to say that never before had the Easter Volunteer Review so closely approximated to the probabilities of tactics. General M'Cleverty added to the four divisions of 22,000 men as many as 2,000 Regular troops, and Captain Commerell, one of the most idolised men in the Navy, commanded a squadron composed of the fine old Terrible, the Virago, the Lizard, the Martin and Ferret gun-brigs, and the Magnet gun-boat. The manœuvres of the steamers as they covered a supposed landing were beautiful to look upon, and the roar and smoke of their guns, answered from the Guildford battery, the Drop redoubt, Archeliffe Fort, and the Western heights, combined well with the attack and defence of the Castle, which was nearly carried by the invaders, who penetrated to the very ditches, so that bridges had to be raised and gates closed to keep them out. The quick Snider fire of the Regulars considerably astonished the Volunteers, and taught them how useless in a modern fight would be the long Enfields. The day ended with two hours of rain, and the Volunteers returned soaked to their homes. After this it is hardly worth while to mention the Whitsun Monday Review at Windsor, when 2,000 Volunteers, with 400 cavalry of sorts, had a field day under General Seymour, or even the Review of the 23rd July at Wimbledon, when 10,000 English and 1,000 Belgians, the latter in the post of honour, marched past the Sultan Abdul-Aziz, I think the late Khedive of Egypt, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke of Aosta, in a merciless rain. This was a great year altogether in Volunteering. Not only had the Easter Review been like a battle, but the Belgian visitors, brought over in the new and magnificent Indian troopship Serapis, had been received at Gravesend, at Windsor, at the Crystal Palace, at Wimbledon, by Miss Burdett Coutts at Highgate, and by the Volunteers at a grand entertainment given in the Agricultural Hall, which was transformed into the most resplenden most resplendent ball-room the world had ever seen. In 1868 the lesson of 1867 was not lost. The idea had been started that the Volunteers would be most likely to be used in or near fortifications, and, Dover having had a turn, Portsmouth came next in order. No fewer than 28,000 men put in an appearance, of whom 16,000 first marched past General Sir George Buller on Southsea Common. An enemy had advanced from Fareham, seized the new Portsdown ports, and held Portsmouth in the hollow of their hand. With the aid of the Regulars they were, however, driven out of Wymering and Cosham, and, the right being turned, they were driven in disorder over the Portsdown Hills. The turned, they were driven in disorder over the Portsdown Hills. The flanks of the Hilsea lines were protected by two gunboats which had towed up Porchester Lake the launches, each armed with one rifled gun, of six ironclads and the harbour ships, so that there was they were driven in disorder over the Portsdown Hills. The quite a formidable little flotilla helping in the defence of the first naval port. This day was justly reckoned as being even more instructive than that at Dover, and the street fighting in Cosham was a thing to be remembered.

### THE "GREAT" REVIEW AT WINDSOR

On the 20th of June the Queen reviewed in Windsor Park, just where she reviews nearly double the number to-day, as many as 27,000 Volunteers. The ground was kept by the 1st Life Guards,

and the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, the 1oth Hussars, and the 17th Lancers took part in the display. A troop of the Royal Engineers from Aldershot made, under the eyes of the Sovereign, for the troops arriving at Datchet Station a pontoon bridge over the Thames, 218 fect being in working order within twenty-eight minutes. There was, however, a delay of several corps arriving by the South-Western line, as there is too much reason to fear there will be again to-day, and the Review was consequently an hour late. But the march-past was over at seven o'clock, and then there was a sham fight under Sir J. Yorke Scarlett, Windsor being attacked, and the left of its invisible defenders turned. The Review in July at Wimbledon brought out only 5,000 men. In this session the force cost the country 385,000. Colonel Barttelot moved an increase of the Volunteer grant by about 155,000., but Sir John Pakington refused, significantly saying that the events at Windsor had shown the discipline of the corps was not perfect, and that some change would be required.

Those who had always insisted that Whitsun, and not Easter tide, should have been the season chosen for the great Volunteer outing had a strong argument placed in their hands by the second Dover Review, which took place on the 29th March, 1869. From early morning the tempest was terrific. H.M.'s gun-brig Ferret was dashed to pieces against the inner end of the Admiralty Pier, under my window in the "Lord Warden," her crew only escaping by jumping as she struck and struck and struck with every heaving wave. The attempt to keep the men together was hopeless from an early hour, and Sir Hope Grant, who commanded, dismissed the forces. Later, when the Commander-in-Chief rode over from Walmer with Lord Granville, the sky was fairer, and, in no gentle mood, His Royal Highness ordered the "assembly." Some of the officers had returned to London, many of both officers and men had gone into mytifi, but the Review was held in a sort of fashion, and for the first time tele

and in the silver sheen of the display people logger the deteaths morning, and the ragged timbers of the brig which had so nearly been the cause of the loss of a hundred lives.

The Volunteers of the Southern and Western counties had a fine field-day at Portsmouth with the Regulars just four weeks later. General Carey commanded the garrison and Sir D. Lysons the attack from the eastward on Southsea Castle, which was assailed by the Scorpion turret ship, with six gunboats, some of them heavily armed. The 67th Regiment an the field artillery were driven into the fortress over Southsea Common, a very effective piece of work. Southsea Castle fell, but the fleet failed in its attack on the fortress, and, being disabled, was captured. The attack ashore was partly successful, the storming columns getting possession of two ravelins but a sortie turned the fortune of the day. On the whole, no more instructive and well-planned field-day distinguishes the Volunteer annals. At Wimbledon, in July, the Volunteers were aided by the Royal Horse Artillery, the 10th Hussars, and the 17th Lancers; and in September 400 Volunteers visited the Tirs at Liege and Spa, and were entertained in Brussels, when the Midi Terminus was made into a ball-room after the fashion of the Agricultural Hall. King Leopold said it was the most beautiful thing he had ever seen. On the 19th of February a memorial had been presented to the Government asking for an increase of the Capitation Grant, and before the Session was over a considerable step had been taken by the amendment of the Volunteer Act, which has proved very before the Session was over a considerable step had been taken by the amendment of the Volunteer Act, which has proved very beneficial to the force and the country.

### BRIGHTON AGAIN

LITTLE recking of the bloody events that were about to come to pass just over the Channel, the Volunteers as by one voice chose Brighton once more as the scene of the Easter Review, where they were commanded by Sir J. Y. Scarlett. The only notable feature of this Review was that corps from Lancashire and Yorkshire, as well as Oxford and Cambridge, and all the Southern counties, took part in it. On July 23rd, at Wimbledon, a flying column from Aldershot, which had arrived and camped on the Wimbledon side (M. C. Warner the previous day inited the Voluntary under the Aldershot, which had arrived and camped on the Wimbledon side of the Common the previous day, joined the Volunteers under the Duke of Cambridge and Sir Hope Grant, the Regulars being a Battery of Royal Artillery, the 7th Dragoon Guards, the 13th, 33rd, and 42nd (Black Watch), a battalion of the Rifle Brigade, and a company of the Royal Engineers, with part of the Engineer train. Very little work was done this year. We may have been too much occupied with events outre mer to attend to much at home, besides, Mr. Cardwell was introducing his short service and preparing to abolish purchase, which made a good many people wonder whether we should not soon abolish the army to much at nome, desides, Mr. Cardwell was introducing his short service and preparing to abolish purchase, which made a good many people wonder whether we should not soon abolish the army altogether. But in November, 1870, the Volunteers began to get Snider breechloaders served out, and that was enough to mark the twelvemonth, in which the force was said to be 168,477 strong. An impetus was given to the recruiting of the City Volunteers by a letter from the Lord Mayor, in consequence of which a range was purchased at Rainham, and other advantages afforded. At Easter, 1871, 25,000 men took part, under Sir Hope Grant, in the eighth Review at Brighton, when many men marched all or part of the way from London. There was a slight variation of plan in this fight, but a singular sameness in the movements, save where the Inniskillings came in with some brilliant charges. A column of Regulars again—R. H. A., Hussars, Lancers, and a field battery, with 2,500 infantry—took part in the Wimbledon Review this year, the Volunteers being 7,500 strong. This Review, as a spectacle, was utterly spoilt by the rain, and in regard to instruction it was not much better.

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FOR two or three years now the Volunteers had enough to do in taking part in the famous Autumn Manœuvres without going in for separate displays in marching past, and in skirmishing and brigade drill. In August, 1872, many Volunteer Corps did exceedingly good service, and learnt a great deal on the Wiltshire Downs, where a large staff of foreign officers formed a very respectful opinion of both them and the militial response of the problem. both them and the militia regiments which were engaged. In August, 1873, there was a brilliant little campaign on Dartmoor, at which the Volunteers again held their own in comparison even with crack regiments of the Regulars. Almost simultaneously other mauceuvres were going on at Cannock Chase, where the Volunteers formed no inconsiderable proportion of the force, and where they won no stinted praise from the superior officers, who were themselves won no stinted praise from the superior officers, who were themselves so hampered by instructions from Pall Mall that they could invent no movements which were not in effect ridiculous. In the spring of 1874 the Volunteers fell back upon their Easter Monday outing, and a field-day was held at Wimbledon, there being as many as 12,000 men present, besides a regiment of Life Guards, the Blues, and the Carabineers. There was a well-contested fight between a new property of the proposed of the northern and a southern army, respectively under the command of Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar and Colonel Stephenson. As the spectators outnumbered the troops by ten to one, and pressed us into the ranks, it is doubtful whether as much instruction was gained as might have been obtained. But Prince Edward's move out of Richmond Park by the Robin Hood Gate was a very pretty piece of work, and the way the Household Cavalry turned General Stephenson's flank showed that their officers knew their business better than might have been expected from "curled darlings" who

had seen no service since Waterloo. The Volunteers of the Southeastern District joined the same day in a review with the Regulars at Dover. Easter, 1875, was virtually a blank, save for some manœuvres in small bodies on Barnes Common, at Alexandra Park, and at Dover, and the review after the Wimbledon Meeting was also very small. But a fair proportion of the Volunteers took part in the Summer Manœuvres at and near Sandhurst, and conducted themselves very well indeed. themselves very well indeed.

### VOLUNTEER DUTY

This year saw the promulgation of the Army Organisation scheme, in which the Volunteers found no place assigned to them further than the garrisoning of the fortified places on the coast, in conjunction with the Garrison Artillery and the now virtually abolished class of Pensioners. Save in the case of the coast battalions, it was provided that no more than one-fourth of the Volunteers should be called on at the same time. But it was soon pointed out that if the Volunteers are to do nothing but man fortifications it is rather silly to keep on giving them instruction in ordinary field out that if the Volunteers are to do nothing but man fortifications it is rather silly to keep on giving them instruction in ordinary field manceuvres, and never let them see a fortification. This point of view has not yet commended itself to the authorities, who, however can hardly have forgotten that by common consent the most instructive reviews yet held were those at Portsmouth and Dover; and I know that the Volunteers themselves are very generally of opinion that Portsmouth and Dover should have their turn, as well as Brighton. But until some order be taken authorising the of opinion that Portsmouth and Dover should have their turn, as well as Brighton. But until some order be taken authorising the Government to deal with the railways, it will be difficult to persuade the South-Western and South-Eastern Railway Companies to give up their profitable holiday traffic, as the Brighton Company do in the most public-spirited way.

### A DULL TIME

Now, for several years, there was, with the exception of one occasion, very little movement of large bodies among the Volunteers. At Easter, 1876, some 7,000 men went to Lord Brownlow's park, near Tring, for simple manœuvres. On the 1st July the Prince of Wales held a review in Hyde-park of Volunteers, Yeomanry, and Militia, with a few Household troops, in all 30,000 men; and it was noticed that for the first time at this place there was not even the slightest confusion in the arrival or the departure of the battalions, although some of them had travelled several hundred miles and went back the same night. In December that year General Sir John Adye said, at Woolwich, that the Volunteers numbered 170,000 men. The same week the Right Hon. W. E. Forster put them at 180,000, and said that the loss in the previous year occasioned by the new and more stringent regulations had now been recovered. One 180,000, and said that the loss in the previous year occasioned by the new and more stringent regulations had now been recovered. One month after the Easter Review of 1877 at Dunstable—and a very pretty review it was, though on a small scale—more than one who was present had been under real fire in Turkey in Europe and in Asia, and in the presence of the great struggle all Volunteer display at home seemed to be pretermitted. The year 1878 was another dull period in the history of the force, and from one end of it to the other my notes contain nothing worthy of special notice. Early in the year 1879, however, the Volunteers began once more to engage attention. The House of Lords had a debate on the Report of a Committee, which recommended that a closer connection should be established between the Volunteers and the Regular forces, and that the uniforms of the former should be assimilated to those of the latter. Thus, after twenty years, something was done to correct the that the uniforms of the former should be assimilated to those of the latter. Thus, after twenty years, something was done to correct the huge blunder that had been made in the clothing of the Volunteers when the movement began. The Committee further advised that the Volunteers should agree to serve for a term of years, and that their allowance for instruction in camps should be increased. The change in uniform is to be effected gradually, the term of service remains what it was, and the grant for camp instruction has been conceded. In September an order was issued that Volunteers, other than officers, should retire at fifty, and about 20,000 men were struck off in consequence. But, as we know, the check was only for a moment. During the last two years the principal events have been the revival of the Easter Reviews at Brighton, thanks to the public spirit of the railway company. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar has commanded on both occasions, and on both good work has been done, in spite of a great deal of what must be called "make" Weimar has commanded on both occasions, and on both good work has been done, in spite of a great deal of what must be called "make believe." But really it is time to say that no operations of war can be learnt on Brighton Downs under the conditions subject to which the Easter Monday Reviews are held. To a certain extent the movements are even misleading. They must be under the circumstances, and it would be better if some degree of vraisemblance were attained in future. Why, for example, if Brighton must be the scene of the mimic contest, should there not be designed a series of attacks along the shore from Newhaven Fort to Rottingdean—anything rather than that battalions should march up steep hills, under a withering fire, within a couple of hundred—nay, within fifty—yards of the death-dealing blast of the Sniders. This may be very fine fun for holiday-makers, but it is not in the very least like war.

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Nothing can be more difficult to tell, in brief compass, than the story of the advance in rifle-shooting since 1859. The easiest way to sum it up would be to say, "Read the Reports of the National Rifle Association, or the last of them, if there is a discerning eye to look them over." But perhaps an effort, however imperfect, to tell something of the tale will be welcomed, and pardoned for its imperfections. When the Volunteer Force was first formed, there were three rifles generally used in it—the long Enfield, the short Enfield (each with three grooves), and the five-grooved Enfield, or Navy rifle, sometimes called, for they were substantially alike, the Boucher rifle. At the head of small-bore rifles stood the Whitworth. The Enfield held its own as the arm of the Volunteers till the winter of 1870. In the first two years it scored 17 and 23 out of a possible 35 for the first stage of the Queen's Prize. Then it rose to 46, 49, and even 52 out of 60. When in 1871 the competition first took place with the converted Enfield, called the Snider, the winning score stood at 51 out of 60. The Snider held its own in the first stage of the Queen's Prize until 1877, when it made 92 out of 105. In 1878 the Martini-Henry took its place with 95, the next year 96, and last year 102 out of a possible 105. But the Snider is the Volunteer arm still, and a very good weapon it is up to 600 yards the mind of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of some of us handler then its careers of the print of the print of the print of the print Volunteer arm still, and a very good weapon it is up to 600 yards to the mind of some of us handier than its successor; nay, there are one or two good shots who will back it up to 500 yards against the small-bore now on a fair day, as well they may when they see it get on the bull's-eye every shot at that range. The advance in eight years from half to more than five-sixths of the possible points, the weapon being the same shows great progress, and the progress. eight years from half to more than five-sixths of the possible points, the weapon being the same, shows great progress; and the progress again with the Snider, from 51 points in 60 to 92 in 105, shows another though very slight advance. The art of shooting, in point of fact, was taught as well in the "sixties" as in the "seventies." Last year the "Snider average" prize was won by a greater proportion of good shots than the "Martini average" prize, at various ranges. It is useless to deel on the changes, in every case improvements, made in the mode of coving, which renders comparison ments, made in the mode of scoring, which renders comparison difficult, so I may pass at once to the question of small bores. Here, it is not disputed, there is room for a good deal of difference of opinion; but for myself I cannot belo accessing with one of the page. opinion; but for myself I cannot help agreeing with one of the men who has done most for the science—that there are half-a-dozen systems of rifling so nearly alike that the difference is in the finish, and not in the principle. Thus, at a trial many years ago at Woolwich, under General Hay, one of three Turners came up within the minutest fraction to the Whitworths, but the whole three

did not. So now the Henry (the first to better the Whitworth), the Ingram, the Rigby, the Metford systems are all excellent; and the question of utility turns rather upon the breech than upon the barrel. A score of 102 out of a possible 105 at 200, 500, and 600 yards shows there is not much wrong with the Army Regulation rifle; though 64, 65, 69, and 71, with various rifles, out of a possible 84, show a higher ratio than 74, 78, and even 83 out of 105 at the long ranges of 800, 900, and 1,000 yards with the Army Regulation rifle, of which only 3,000, by the way, are issued to the Volunteers, and these through the Association. The figures given here, it must be remembered, are Wimbledon figures, and some of them have been exceeded at the meetings of County Associations, in the competitions of individual corps, or in private practice. To Wimbledon, however, it must honestly be said all praise belongs for the progress of the Volunteers in shooting. It has set the standard, and kept to it. If the Council has here and there "gone for the gate money," as in interesting but unimportant matches like those between the public schools, or Oxford and Cambridge, or Lords and Commons, the country has itself to thank for not giving the Council the pecuniary support necessary to keep up such an undertaking as "the Wimbledon fortnight." And now the Council has taken the lead, helped by Mr. Mullens's munificent donation of 2,500% and rem, in trying a plan for teaching Volunteers how to shoot in the field. This year's arrangements are exceedingly faulty; but they were made in a hurry, and they will be superseded through experience. It is something, nay much, that the Association should have broken away from target-shooting; and I, for one, hope before long to see the day that target-shooting will be left for tyros and trying rifles.

### GREAT GUNS

It is unquestionable that the National Artillery Association has done very much for the Artillery Volunteers. It has already been said that the country should be exceptionally liberal to this force, because it comes so little before the public that it is unable to force its claims upon the attention of Parliament. But when it is considered how zealously and steadily the Volunteer Artillery have laboured—often taking over coast and fort duties from the Royal Artillery—and how little the newspapers tell us of their doings, it is well to say that fully half the credit of the progress is due to the training and discipline of the Shoeburyness fortnight, though each detachment only has one week of this healthy and pleasant but hardworked life in the open on the margin of the North Sea. There is far less show and parade about Shoeburyness when the Volunteers are there than there is about Wimbledon. The whole thing is done in a much more military way, and if the men conform themselves gladly to the somewhat rigid rules, it is because of the excellent example set them by their officers and by the Council of the Association, whose Honorary Secretary, Captain J. L. Rutley, continues to devote his experience to the service of the Volunteer Artillery, as he has given it his time for twenty years. I would gladly see funds flow more freely towards the bankers of this admirable organisation, which thus performs a function quite as important to the country as that of the N.R.A., of whose doings the public always hear plenty.

### L'ENVOI

"It is when the work is done that we see how faulty is the work-manship," says one of our greatest men. And now a hundred little omissions come athwart my mind which would have been most righteously corrected but that they would have swelled what cannot be deemed other than a sketch into a history in more volumes than one. And, therefore, it may be well to leave the draft as it is. But one thing must be said, for it is a thing that should be said: the Volunteers in the ranks have a far higher ideal of their duty and of their capacity than the bulk of the commanding officers and of the military authorities. They want to do, or try to do, far more than they are allowed to attempt. If they are restrained because they are not fully organised, I can understand the idea, even if I do not share the notion. But if the force were polled to-day I believe one thing would be voted by an immense majority, and this is that, saving the vested rights of commanding officers who have done their best according to their lights, no battalion should bereafter be placed under the charge of field officers who had not attained to the command of at least a troop, a half-battery, or a company in the Regular army. Now that so many officers are being compulsorily retired from the Army there is an admirable opportunity to lay down this rule for the future, and we may rest assured that to a large proportion of those retiring the temptation to retain some command would be very great, if only each of them was relieved of the cost of a charger and his keep. This would be the best way to create a full and perfect sympathy between the Regular army and the Volunteers. It would add to the efficiency of the one, and it would mitigate the rigid rules of the other. The proof of this lies patent. It is to the older adjutants and to the older sergeant-majors that the great progress of the force has been due, and there is not a regiment commanded by a soldier who has seen service which does not hold itself higher than the battalions that have been usuall

### OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

### INCIENT MARKS FOR SHOOTING

These marks consisted of upright stones and posts fixed in the ground, some three or four feet in height; the wooden marks (also called pillars and stakes) bore on the top a carved device, similar to an heraldic crest, and were not unfrequently painted or gilded. Shooting at these distances or lengths was called Roving, to distinguish it from shooting "round compass," viz., at a standing mark (as at butts or targets), and the marks or stones were called Rovers. Many of these stone rovers existed at the beginning of the present century, and two of them are still in existence; one at the end of Dorchester Street, Hoxton, on the east side of the New North Road, near the Canal Bridge, the other is fixed and preserved in the brickwork of the Canal Bridge, above the towing-path. Very similar posts on the hills near the "Sweet Waters" at Constantinople, are said to mark the great flights of arrows from the bows of long-gone Sultans. The wooden marks seem to have been shot at; the stone marks to have designated the limits of ranges,

### GEORGE III. REVIEWING THE METROPOLITAN VOLUNTEERS IN HYDE PARK, JUNE 4, 1799

THE review shown in two of our engravings took place on the King's birthday, June 4, 1799, at 9 A.M. The march past was headed by the Honourable Artillery Company, and we are told "general officers of the greatest reputation were heard to say that they never saw anything better done." Sixty-five corps, contains 8,000 officers and men, were present under arms, and the King was attended by the Prince of Wales, the Dukes of York, Kent, and Gloucester, and a numerous staff. A hundred thousand spectators witnessed the sight, but the evolutions were considerably impeded by a high wind and much rain.

### AN INSPECTION OF THE HON. ARTILLERY COMPANY IN 1803

ON September 22, 1803, the Hon. Artillery Company was inspected by Lieut.-General the Earl of Harrington, who expressed himself highly gratified at the steady, handsome, and martial appearance of the men, and the very correct and regular manner in which they had manceuvred. Colonel Macquarie, Assistant Adjutant-General for the London District, stated that it was an astonishing Corps, and that no Regulars could perform better. The Lord Mayor, who was present, also sent them a very flattering letter.

The above particulars are taken from Captain Raikes' admirable "History of the Honourable Artillery Company" (Bentley), the engravings in which work have materially assisted our artist.

### UNIFORM OF THE INFANTRY DIVISION, 1797-1822

DURING this period the uniform consisted of a jacket of scarlet cloth, lined with white kerseymere, and lappels, cuffs, and collars of royal blue. The helmet was of black bearskin with a white and red feather. The pantaloons were of white kerseymere.

### GILLRAY'S CARICATURES OF VOLUNTEERING

"A LIGHT HORSEMAN," originally published in 1796, represents the Prince of Wales preparing to review the crack volunteer regiment of which he was Colonel. The figure of H.R.H. had previously been sketched by Gillray from life. A satirical Frenchman afterwards copied this picture for a tavern sign, with the legend beneath, "An English Light Horseman."—"Armed Heroes" was issued May 18, 1803, just after our Ambassador, Lord Whitworth, had been insulted by Napoleon, and the war was about to recommence. Addington (in Volunteer uniform), with Lord Hawkesbury seated behind him, is represented in a ridiculous dilemma between assumed courage and real fears.—The last caricature simply depicts John Bull dressed as a citizen soldier, with his traditional buildog. These are taken from the collection of Gillray's caricatures, edited by the late Thomas Wright, and published by Chatto and Windus.

### ST. JOHN'S EVE IN MAYO

WHETHER kindling the "watch fire," or bone-fire, on the 23rd of June, is the remnant of a Pagan custom or not, is a subject about which Catholic Mayo does not trouble itself, but a bone-fire it must have, and has had, from time immemorial. No sooner does the sun begin to sink down the Western sky than preparations busily commence. The sods of turf are carted to some convenient place, and are there built into a great coneshaped heap round huge logs of wood, to which, as the evening sets in, a light is applied.

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Last year we we're all invited, as the ladies of the "big house" (so the landlord's domicile is always called), to witness the festivities, and join in one or two of the rural dances. This invitation we accepted; and as we came upon the group of merry faces gathered round the fire, and had respectful way made for us, we knew that our presence was regarded as an honour, and that it added to the general pleasure of the evening. The wood and turf had all been piled on the centre of a road which ran through our property, and clouds of dark red smoke were rising into the clear air as we approached, from which soon sprang showers of the largest sparks I have ever seen, followed by a magnificent flame which, bursting from the centre, called forth shouts of admiration from the crowd. Chairs were instantly offered to us, but, before taking our places, we went round and shook hands with the mothers and the girls; asking after "Pat" and "Biddy," and the crops, and whether the potatoes would be good that year, together with a hundred similar questions. Then we sat down and listened to the voices and laughter all about us, and now and then had to stop our ears as some mischievous urchin blew on his cow-horn,—for the boys had horns which sent forth dismal, moaning sounds, and which threats and cuffs from the bailiff (who was acting as Master of the Ceremonies) could not hinder them from blowing.

Presently the pipers, with their tin whistles, began to drop in as the fire grew brighter and brighter, and the night fairly closed round, and each was greeted with a round of applause, which at last became deafening as the hero of the evening—the hero whose presence was wished for at a hundred bonfires scattered through the country—the fiddler, with his cherished fiddle, made his appearance.

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As soon as the jig was over, we were invited to join in what was called a "cut reel" (quadrille), which we did, my sister being led out by the bailiff, while I fell to the charge of a young man in shining broadcloth, hob-nailed boots, and a smart green tie. The moment the line was formed, my partner took off his soft felt hat, and gave it to some one behind him. His action was the signal for a similar doffing of hats and caps on the part of all the men engaged in the dance; and we learnt afterwards that this was done as a mark of respect to my sister and myself. Then the music commenced, and the old fiddle twanged out some lively tune. The bailiff, as master of the ceremonies, restrained the eager dancers, and all stood for a few seconds with their heads bent, waiting to catch the time. "Now," thundered the bailiff, and "now" it was. Away across the ground we went at a rapid pace; in and out, and back again; "ladies' chain" and balance2 all cantered through, and before you knew where you were the loud clapping of hands announced the end of the set. There was no graceful dawdling or languid paces in this "cut reel," but good honest steps, and genuine enjoyment mixed with the mean refert politeness.

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"Now for a song!" cried the bailiff as soon as the dance was over, and my sister and I were led back to our scats with a "Thank you, Miss," from our partners. "Mike has a great voice: now, where are you, Mike? Come out and sing." "Silence," he added in a tone of authority; and silence there was. Presently, from somewhere among the crowd, there rose into the night air a dismal wail, at first unintelligible, but which, as our ears grew more accustomed to the discord, we could make out to be a song about "a soldier boy who loved a lovely maid," and so on, and so on. Song after song followed, and then more dancing; and all the

while there was not one rude word or coarse jest. It was nearly daylight before we rose and bade our friends good-bye; and heard "Good night, Miss," and "God bless you, Miss," as we wended our way through the crowd. And thus, with pleasant memories of the past hours, we returned through the fresh-scented meadows in which the corn-crake was already awake, and under the shady row of beech-trees, to our home. The people kept up the dancing for a little longer; and only when a faint pink tinged the Eastern horizon and warned them of the fast approaching day, did each man gather up his sod (according to the ancient custom) from the almost expired fire, and prepare to leave the scene of merriment.

Music William Music

Messrs. Robert Cocks and Co.—A simple song of the domestic type is "O, Happy Children," written and composed by Suchet Champion.—Two pathetic songs, the one for a contralto, the other for a baritone, are "Eventide," the touching poetry by F. E. Weatherley, music by A. H. Behrend, and "To An Absentee," written and composed by T. Hood and Arthur P. Talbot.—A charming narrative song of medium compass is "The Evening Star" ("Der Abendstern"); the English version by Rita, music by Carl Hause.

LAMBORN COCK.—Three "Two-Part Songs," music by Ciro Pinsuti, are refined and graceful, well worthy the attention of two sisters, or friends, soprano and mezzo-soprano. Prettiest of the group is "Not Even A Sparrow"; next in merit is "Heather Breezes," whilst "Boating" will find many admirers. L. A. Johnstone has written the pleasing words for the set.—Walter Maynard favours tenors of medium compass and unlimited sentiment. For them he has composed "Why Should We Part?" "Meeting Again," and "Our Darlings At Home;" for the two first-named he has supplied the words, for the latter Joseph Hatton has ably fulfilled the task.—Three songs of a more lively character, well suited for sea-side concerts, yachting parties, and similar occasions, the music also by Walter Maynard, are "Neptune's Promises" (The Skipper's Song), and its companion "Jack Ashore" (The Mate's Song), the former for a bass, the latter for a baritone,—There is some fun to be had out of "A Nineteenth Century Serenade," a skit upon the sentimental music of the period.—Ciro Pinsuti has transcribed for the pianoforte in an easy form two of his most popular songs, "Sowing and Reaping," and "The Unfinished Song."—A showy piece for the pianoforte is "Vittoria," an air composed by Carissimi, arranged by C. H. Couldery.

Messrs. Reid Brothers. —From hence come seven songs, all of a sentimental type, but above the ordinary standard of their species. "King and Slave" is a love poem by Adelaide Proctor, and "Think Not I Can Forget Thee," words by L. M. Thornton. For the two Alfred Gatty has composed the melodious music. —Both words and music of "The Road of Years," by Laura A. Smith, are pleasing and original.—"Light," written and composed by F. W. Bourdillon and Felix Adler, if sung with taste and expression will be surely encored.—"He Loved Me In the Olden Time" is the pathetic plaint of a maiden who has been supplanted by a rival with golden hair, an o'er true tale with a tuneful melody, written and composed by W. H. Montgomery.—"Where Are Now My Old Companions" is a melancholy ballad, words by W. C. Cameron, music by W. Pigot.—A moral little song for the drawing-roomis "The Treasured Rose," written and composed by E. S. Oliver and Mary Oliver.—An easy and tuneful little mazurka for young fingers is "Katie and Jessie," composed and arranged as a pianoforte duet by C. J. Campling.

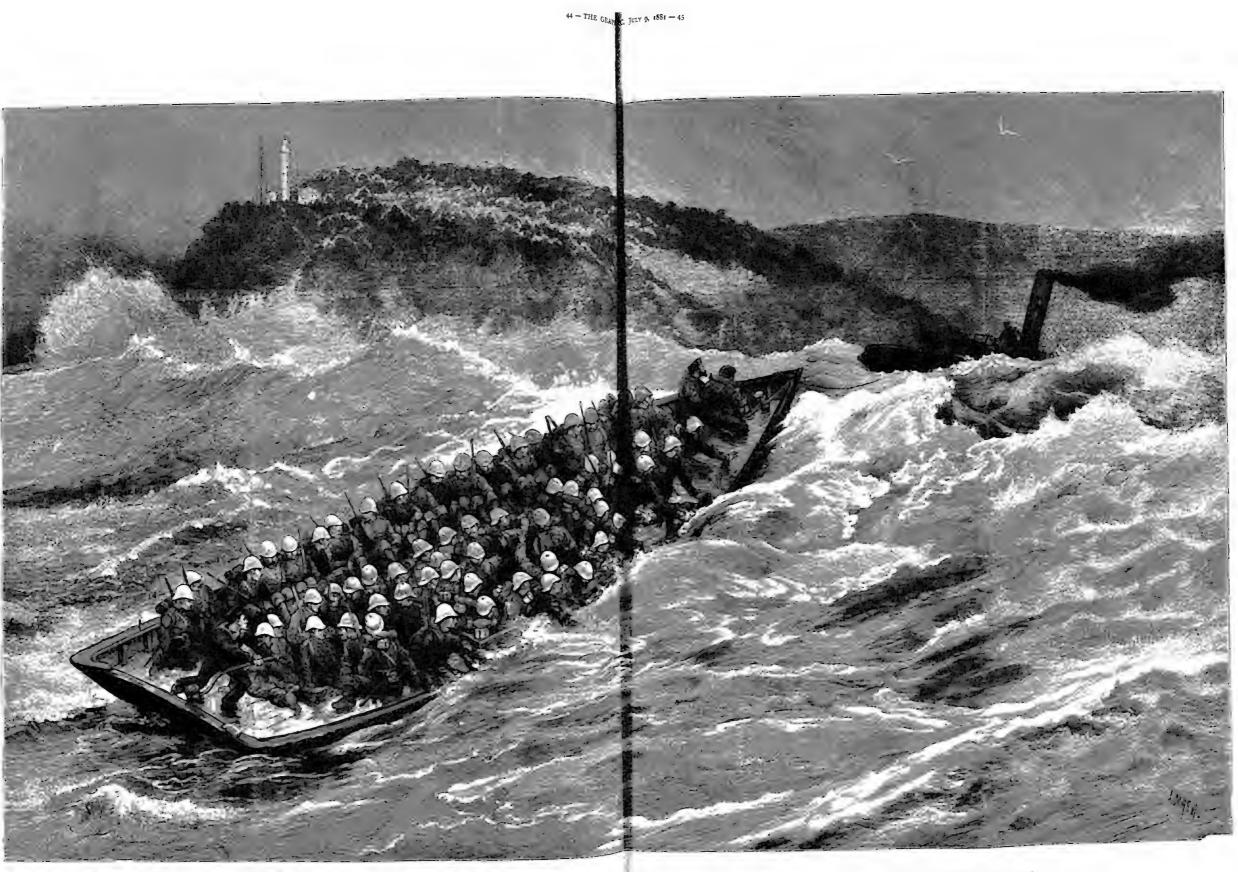
MESSRS. WOOD AND Co.—A carefully put-together little book for a student is, "Elementary Principles of Music and Elements of Harmony," by W. Adlington, A.R.A.M.L. There are many equally good guides to musical knowledge, but few in a more compact and simple form.—"Carina," a caprice elegante, by Adolphe Rosenberg, well merits its title, and deserves to be learnt by heart.—A pair of graceful pieces for the pianoforte are "Dreamland" and "Cloudland," composed by W. S. Rockstro.—"Pleasures of Spring" is the collective title of six pieces for the pianoforte, composed by Leopold Waldstein, and admirably adapted for children, as far as we can judge from No. 1, "In the Fields," and No. 6, "Home Again"—the two specimens before us,



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Among the weightier reviews for July the Contemporary may claim first place for general readableness. Mr. C. Grant's "Two Fausts" is a charming paper on the divergent Faust-legends of the sixteenth and the nineteenth centuries—the former in Marlow's hands as thoroughly poetical as the latter in Goethe's, and even in the lower forms of the Faust "puppet-play" admitting flashes of genuine poetic instinct. To either poct, to Goethe as to Marlow, the "Faust-legend" represents a creed as well as a subject for poetic treatment. And the great drama of the German may rank all the higher as a poem, when its conception of the universe, like that of the Elizabethan dramatist, has in its turn been out-lived by the spirit of the age.—"Ancient Egypt in its Comparative Relations" is an excellent article—albeit a structure raised upon foundations laid by M. Maspero—on the funeral rites of the Egyptians and their beliefs regarding the unseen world—beliefs presenting many instructive points of contrast and of resemblance to those entertained by Greek and Vedic bards, or by seers on the mountains of Palestine.—Father O'Leary's temperate and occasionally telling critique of "Mr. Bence Jones' Story of His Experiences in Ireland" is chiefly noteworthy for its unintentional portrayal of the essential, though often unacknowledged, incompatibilities which exist between the genuine Celtic tenant and the "improving" landlord, who wants, like other traders, to get the best return for every outlay of time or capital.—There is a scholarly paper by the Dean of Peterborough on the New Revision, chiefly rich in detailed criticism of disputable changes, but leading to the now very general conclusion that the New Version will be most valuable as a suggestive Commentary, but will not replace the Authorised Translation for purposes of public and private devotion.—Another interesting article is by Lieutenant-Colonel Butler on the effect produced upon Irish character and history by that steady elimination of the native "leaders of the clans" which o

The Fortnightly takes us un peu partout. "Conciliation with Ireland," by the Editor, is, we need scarcely say, an incisively written, if not particularly novel, sermon on the text, given out by Charles Fox ninety years agone, that to win Ireland our Government must be "regulated by Irish notions and Irish prejudices."—"Denmark," by Sir D. Wedderburn, is a captivating account of the changes produced within a generation by the abolition of a very feudal system of land tenure, in a country where, to the present



COMING HOME FROM THE TRANSVAAL-BRITISH TROOPS RE-EMBARKING AT PORT NATAL

hour, a grand seigneur would think himself degraded if he asked "his banker to dinner," and would reply to a King who had made, like Frederic VII., a plebeian marriage, and who subsequently proposed to pay him a visit in the hunting season, that his chateau and grounds were at his Sovereign's disposal, but that he (the owner) would not be there to receive him. Still the changes have only been made within a generation, and there is something about them of a "paternally legislative" character, which makes one desirous to see them a little longer at work.—"Italy: Her Home and Foreign Policy," by Mr. Gallenga, is another able paper, though, perhaps, unduly contemptuous of "mediocrities like Cairoli." Undisciplined even to disorganisation as the Left has been, its later Ministries have still taken as their ruling principle that Italy must remain still for many years, and avoid all that leads to "militarism and—pellagra." And this they have done, though hampered at every step by a very unscrupulous and very clever—if from a statesman's point of view somewhat bornè—Opposition.—The one purely literary article in the number, Mr. George Saintsbury's "Victor Hugo's New Volumes," is well worth reading for its copious extracts, and also for its own two last pages on M. Hugo's "Learly Life of Thomas Carlyle," though rather for the extracts from Carlyle's correspondence than for a text which in the main goes over ground more vividly painted in the famous Reminiscences. But the letters (above all, those written to Carlyle), are altogether well worth studying, whether brief notes, by hands which wielded pens with difficulty, from the lowly farm-house at Ecclefechan; or letters, full of the admiring warmth and humorous sympathy of la jeunesse qui passe, from fellow-students now unknown to fame, or epistles ripe with friendliest advice from the best and earliest friend of Carlyle's darker hour, Edward Irving. One other very interesting letter from "the Blumine of Sartor Resartus," Margaret Gordon, shows clearly that the youthful

the Victorians interpret them), to include the power of establishing differential duties between State and State?

Blackwood, on the whole, is a fair number, although its pièce de resistance, "Besieged in the Transvaal"—a modest account of a fairly-performed bit of soldiers' work—can hardly be described as spirit-stirring.—"King Bemba's Point" is a good old-fashioned Blackwood tale: "A French Lady and Her Friends," a highly readable paper on the lately-published "Souvenirs de Madame C. Joubert," the good "Fairy of Heine," "The Marriane" of Alfred de Musset, and as such his confidant in all the dainty love affairs which engrossed his fancy rather than his heart, and the recipient of the many half-whimsical, half-earnest letters, of which we have here sufficient for the most inquisitive.

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To Fraser Mr. A. C. Sellar contributes a kindly notice—based on old acquaintance in and out of office—of the "Late Governor of Madras," the tireless, all-compelling "Whip," to whom the Liberal party owed so much in their dark hours from 1874 to 1880.—In "Parliament and the Higher Education, Professor Rogers injures his own cause by excessive bitterness. It is unfair to describe the College Tutor as a man who exhausts himself with two or three hours' work a day for twenty-four weeks in the year, or to speak of Oxford, and (in a less degree) of Cambridge as places governed by "mean local interests." Would the Universities be better if they were made a Government department, or the professoriate if all the present funds were put into a common stock "for the endowment of persons who have given proof of eminence in such branches of persons who have given proof of eminence in such branches of knowledge as are not marketable?" Much do we fear "Teutonic research" is not to be secured by shifting certain sums from one one page to another of an account-book.—"Leon Gambetta" is one page to another of an account-book,—"Leon Gambetta" is an evidently well-informed paper on the leader of the French Republicans, although singularly reticent as to the last two years.—
In "St. Christopher" the author of an "Epic of Hades" has clothed in very melodious blank verse one of the most touching legends of the medieval Church.



MR. Joseph Hatton says "there are a few new ideas and many new facts in my book." He should rather have said the old facts and the old ideas are newly and interestingly put. It is mostly old ground; but we feel we have never been over it with a companion like this. For instance, he takes us to a trotting-match, and tells us how Maud S. did her mile in 2 min. 10½ sec.; and then points out the difference between trotting the useful, and racing the ornamental, sport, going on to discuss American horses, and to quote what the two officers lately sent over by the French Government say about them, and ending with a few paragraphs on American sport in general, and the vast change which ten years have wrought in that as well as in Transatlantic manufactures and wood engraving. Strangely enough he has no suspicion that America was breeding Strangely enough he has no suspicion that America was breeding an Iroquois; his friends of the Chicago Jockey Club threw him off the scent by stigmatising English racing as tame and contemptible. It is a comfort that we are still, Mr. Hatton admits, ahead in a few things. Our hansoms are better than any public conveyance in the things. Our hansoms are better than any public conveyance in the States; New York and Chicago are nowhere in street-paving and watering; house-rent in New York is double what it is in London, and, thanks to tariffs, in decorative art most American houses are a blank. Fancy artists in the States agitating to tax pictures a dollar per square inch! On the other hand, theatres are better managed than at home, and "the respect for woman has kept out the blistering influence of French farces." Here we suspect Mr. Hatton is too anytims to scene a point periods our censorship; stage Hatton is too anxious to score a point against our censorship; stage morality, we fear, is much the same on both sides of the Atlantic. Mammas and papas sit through French plays in London without their presence exercising that check which in New York it is suptheir presence exercising that check which in New York it is supposed to furnish. Mr. Hatton is great on spiritualism; on "Ingersoll, the Chicago Apostle of Unbelief;" and on the mouldy non-progressiveness of Roman Catholic Quebec. He was happy in seeing a company of "Palestine Arabs" perform in Dr. Beecher's church, and in coming across The Shroud, organ of undertakers, perhaps the quaintest newspaper going. So much for his facts; his ideas are embodied in long speculations on "The Chinese puzzle," the Irish difficulty, the probability of England sinking to the level

of Holland, especially if the Americans tax English bottoms and of Holland, especially if the Americans tax English bottoms and subsidise their own ships. He gives us too much of this kind of thing; it is well to be forewarned, and to know what the Americans think of Free Trade, and how the Tariff Question is likely to be settled in Canada; but five-and-twenty pages on England's commercial decline almost swamp even the buoyancy of the greater part of "To-day in America" (Chapman and Hall). Mr. Hatton sought in vain for the typical Yankee; he certainly does not, like so many of the writers of both countries, misrepresent the people so many of the writers of both countries, misrepresent the people

to many of the whitch of both whom he undertakes to describe.

Coffee planting in Southern India is not altogether the pleasant They should read work that some would-be planters imagine. They should read Mr. Edwin Arnold's "On the Indian Hills" (Sampson Low and Co.), and they would find that beautiful scenery does not make up for "malaria so thick that you can cut it with a knife," and fever which knocks over the poor "famine Coolies" like flies, and houses smelling in the wet season like "something between damp hay and bilge water." "Pegging," i.e., marking out the coffeepits, is depressing enough; but to get the pits dug by sick Coolies, half of whom have to be put into hospital, is more depressing still, while to be told that one's dogs won't want any dinner for a long time because they've "found out dead Coolie" must be even worse. We do not wonder that "Ooty" itself failed to set Mr. Arnold up in health, and think he was quite right in electing to take his four months in Europe. We wish he had been content with one volume; for, though he is a shrewd observer, even he cannot give novelty to the outward voyage and Aden and Ceylon and Bombay. When he comes to the jungle and to his work in it he is most interesting, fullof useful hints, and rich in notes on the insects and reptiles of which he was azealous collector. He makes us pity the Coolie, sent up from the warm Plains to work in cold damp fog, and tempted with arrack in a way that must vex Sir Wilfrid Lawson's soul. Are Indian reformers right in charging on us the certainly-increasing drunkenness among their people?

Prebendary Row has republished the papers on "Apostolical Christianity" (Church of England Sunday School Institute) which he contributed to the Church Sunday School Institute) which he or she teaches, the little book will no doubt be very useful. It shows what the ordinary reader onchit to know already, that the Apostolic work that some would-be planters imagine. They should read Mr. Edwin Arnold's "On the Indian Hills" (Sampson Low and

or she teaches, the little book will no doubt be very useful. It shows what the ordinary reader ought to know already, that the Apostolic Church did not elaborate doctrine, but set up a new standard of life. It was full of divisions; and for a long time Jewish converts remained Jews, the many priests (for instance) added on the Day of Pentecest continuing their Tennals ministrations. Mr. Row. missionaries, and points out now valuable acts and serious who, in dealing with Greeks and Romans, had to overcome the prejudice against Jews. He is rather hard on St. Paul for crying out that he was "a Pharisee the son of a Pharisee"—a phrase which he calls "a clear suppressio veri;" he also thinks St. Paul did not imitate his Master when he called the high priest a whited wall, though no doubt his bad eyes prevented him from seeing who it was of whom he used the epithet. Our objection to books of this kind is their tendency to translate into newspaper English the solemn simplicity of Scripture. How does it help our understanding St. Paul to say that on a certain occasion he had "a large auditory?"

Mr. Wirt Sikes, United States Consul at Cardiff, has been moved by the murder of the late Czar (and prophetically, perhaps, by the attempt to kill President Garfield) to publish "Studies of Assassination" (S. Low and Co.), showing in the case of Catherine de Medici, Gérard, the murderer of William of Orange, Guy Fawkes, Charlotte Corday, and Wilkes Booth, that assassination always fails

Medici, Gérard, the murderer of William of Orange, Guy Fawkes, Charlotte Corday, and Wilkes Booth, that assassination always fails in its object, "never helps on (as rebellion sometimes has done) the cause of progress." Such a truism hardly needed the repetition of five oft-told tales to enforce it. Perhaps Mr. Sikes is afraid lest Nihilist utterances should make a Tory of Mr. Gladstone, instead of influencing him as the attempt to blow up the Clerkenwell House of influencing him as the attempt to blow up the Clerkenwell House of influencing him as the attempt to blow up the Clerkenwell House of Detention confessedly did. Certainly panic-legislation has always been re-actionary; and the state of things in Russia must be disappointing both to the Nihilists and to the sympathising "beer-jerkers" of the United States. We are glad Mr. Sikes acquits the Confederate Government of all share in Booth's crime; but we do not think he settles the matter about Charlotte Corday by calling her "but a factionist and a fanatic." He writes well, and his account of Catherine and the Huguenots is clear and terse; but we prefer his "British Goblins" to his historical sketches.

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Mr. T. Arnold, of Cliftonville, Northampton, hopes by his "Method of Teaching the Deaf and Dumb" (Smith and Elder) to "Method of Teaching the Deaf and Dumb" (Smith and Elder) to enable a teacher, previously untrained, to take up and pursue the process successfully. Taught on the French system, he worked out his own system independently, and finds that it is what is called German—a proof to his mind that this system must displace all others. In his Introduction he tells us a good deal about Abbé l'Epée and Picard, as self-sacrificing as their rivals, Pereira and Henicke, were self-seeking. He speaks favourably of the Ealing Training College and the International Congress lately held at Milan. We think he is right in saying that existing institutions are inadequate, and that the day is near when Parliament will compel provision for the deaf and also for the blind. Then will be the time for giving the German method a fair chance.

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"Somersetshire," by Mr. Worth, and "Hampshire," by Mr. Bevan, are the latest additions to Messrs. Stanford's cheap and handy "Tourists' Guides." They are quite worthy of this excellent series. Mr. Worth's introduction, topographical, historical, and geological, &c., is a marvel of concise information. He is great in archæology, and does not forget to remind us that "the Pleasant County" withstood English incursion till the seventh century. Of plants he might have named a few more; round Bath, for instance, plants he might have named a few more; round Bath, for instance, are found several which, though not confined to that neighbourhood, are rare elsewhere. His account of Wells is very good; and the remarks on the beach-ends at South Brent show that he does not neglect small things. Bristol, independent of either county, he includes in Somerset. Mr. Bevan's introduction is less ambitious, but it contains a good sketch of the geology of Hampshire, and lists of its distinctive plants and fossils and of its chief antiquities. In Hants there is less temptation than in Somerset to stick to the railways; and, Guides like these, clearly the fruit of independent research, and not mere abridgments of "Murray," are just the thing to meet one of

the wants of the age.

The second part of Dr. A. Weismann's "Studies on the Theory of Descent" (S. Low and Co.) treats of "the origin of the markings of caterpillars," and on "phyletic parallelism in metamorphic species." Mr. R. Meldola, Vice-President of our Entomological Society, has well done his work of translation, though verbs like to pupate, and nouns such as ontogeny, are caviare to the general. It is not for the general, however, that the work is meant; but for those who care to trace the patient and minute labours by which adaptation is illustrated in its lower forms. To study a caterpillar through all his four or five changes of skin, and to note the change in his markings and discuss their probable purpose, seems very "minute philosophy;" but it is by such investigations that the truth or falsehood of the great problems which have so long been "in the air" seems likely to be established. Even the general reader will find in this second part of Dr. Weismann's book much that is suggestive and interesting; while the third part (which will complete the work) promises to be less technical, and deals with the whole question of Nature's mechanical working. The illustrations of caterpillars in various stages will fill the English entomologist with delight and admiration.

So many years have elapsed since "Master Humphrey's Clock"

first made its appearance as a weekly publication that many persons of the younger generation have read the letter-press without everseeing the original drawings by George Cattermole and II. K. Browne. Here they are, admirably reproduced in the two new volumes of the Charles Dickens' dition de luxe, published by Chapman and Hall (Limited), and printed by Messrs. R. Clay, Sons, and Taylor. It is not too much to say that without these inimitable pictures not even the genius of the novelist can convey to the reader a really life. Here not too much to say that without these infinitable pictures not even the genius of the novelist can convey to the reader a really life-like conception of Quilp, Sampson and Sally Brass, Dick Swiveller, and the other heroes and heroines of that wonderful gallery. At the end of the second volume is reprinted a welcome batch of Dickens' minor articles. Some additional illustrations, by Messrs. C. Green the Wellow are included in these two volumes but seemed. and F. Walker, are included in these two volumes, but somehow, though their technical merits are undeniable, they lack the charm (albeit only the charm of association) which characterises the

(albeit only the charm of association) which characterises the efforts of the two original artists.

"Bicycles and Tricycles of the Year," by H. H. Griffin (L. Upcott Gill: *The Buzaar* Office, 170, Strand) is a useful book for those intending to purchase either a bicycle or tricycle, there being an exhaustive description of the various new machines, with the

latest inventions.



The object of "Blair Athol," by "Blinkhoolie," (3 vols.: Chapman and Hall), is to show "that the love of a good horse, so far from being hurtful, may even serve to keep a man straight in life, and certainly in the racing world." The novel is appropriately dedicated to Lord Falmouth: and the process that keeps its hero pretty straight on the whole is a romantic devotion to the idea of Blair Athol. "I tell you what it is, Blair," says he: "my love for you is wonderful, passing the love of women." This means something more than the common sporting novel, and differs from the latter in many wholesome respects. For instance, it is entirely free from quotations from the Eton Latin grammar, and rises to Homer and Sophocles, in their own language, in its range of chapter headings. "Blinkhoolie" seems to know a good deal about Turf history, and to regard it with an awful reverence: to look Chapter headings. "Blinkhoolie" seems to know a good deal about Turf history, and to regard it with an awful reverence: to look upon Yorkshire as the world, and upon Epsom as its Mecca. "There is but one Blair Athol, and "Blinkhoolie" is his prophet," is his creed. Women may woo—and they certainly do—in these pages: pleasure may entice: companies may smash: everything else may go wrong: but the truly wise youth puts his trust in Blair Athol, and wins in a canter. Of story, the novel has little or none. It is a lively collection of anecdotes, based upon a very none. It is a lively collection of anecdotes, based upon a very elementary sense of what constitutes fun, some really amusing, but most of them requiring the living voice of a good story-teller to make them passable. The best, by far, is the account of a trial for burglary at the York Assizes, which has the rare merit of being not only a humorous account of a common scene, but of being absolutely correct in its details. It is exactly the second case we ever saw in fiction of a trial that might have been real. On the whole the book—story we can scarcely call it—is an amusing one. Miss Jean Middlemass, in "Sackcloth and Broadcloth" (3 vols.:

Tinsley Brothers), has attempted the comparative portraiture of two typical clergymen—of the earnest and zealous "Priest," whose lofty aims condemn him to failure, and of the politic and worldlylofty aims condemn him to failure, and of the politic and worldly-wise clergyman who make his calling a pleasant and profitable profession. As with her novels in general, it is clever, slipshod, unfinished, and improbable; the women are life-like and natural, the men absurdly impossible. The story is rather complicated, and not to be described in a few words. The most noteworthy incident is the description of how a girl who had danced at a fair, one Violet Tremayne, and who holds a Duchess under her thumb by means of Tremayne, and who holds a Duchess under her thumb by means of a packet of compromising letters, went up in a balloon. To this extent, "Sackcloth and Broadcloth" trenches upon the sensational. But the bulk consists of talk—quantities of talk which means little and comes to nothing. The general effect is not unlike that of "Blinkhoolie's" sporting novel. It is rambling, inconsequent, ill-constructed, but never dull. It is obvious that Miss Middlemass writes with overmuch ease; if not, she has the whole art of concealing all her difficulties. Whenever she meets a difficulty, she leaps over it with enviable and often successful courage. But in studies of typical characters, such as this, ordinary probabilities, even in outside matters, ought to be strictly regarded. If the details are apparently false, one doubts if the characters are truly details are apparently false, one doubts if the characters are truly

By a sort of coincidence, the very next novel on our list—"The Future Marquis," by Catherine Childar (3 vols.: Hurst and Blackett, is also a Balloon story. But in this case the Balloon is not a mere incident: it is the machine which effects the dénouement. Unluckily the final difficulty is too obviously planned with a view to the Balloon: we are made to feel that, but for the Balloon's sake, the bern would never have been compelled to make his escape from the hero would never have been compelled to make his escape from Rome and a charge of murder which has no connection whatever with the main story. The chief merit of the novel consists in the freshness and realism with which the authoress describes the life of Art-students in Rome. This must be as much described from the life as all other matters most assuredly be drawn from fancy. the conventional marriage effected upon the ruin of a more than conventionally stupid villainness. To make the hero and heroine mutually suppose one another married to somebody else when the trick ought to have been discovered within three days is altogether too stupid to be interesting. Of course it is quite proper, in fiction,

too stupid to be interesting. Of course it is quite proper, in fiction, to make an unknown painter turn out to be a Marquis: but the event—in fiction—is not new enough to be worth reproducing.

The series of Messrs. Vizetelly and Co.'s translations of "Popular French Novels" is excellently continued by Gaboriau's "In Peril of His Life;" by André Theuriet's "The Godson of a Marquis; and by two tales of Cherbuliez, "Blue-eyed Meta Holdenis" and "A Stroke of Diplomacy." It is gratifying to find no signs of falling-off in either the choice or execution of these examples of the best order of French fiction. We would suggest however that the best order of French fiction. We would suggest, however, that it would be well, in the interest of the English readers for whom of course the series are intended, to give the original French title in every instance, as well as an English one. The most purely English readers generally know enough French to like to know the real name of the book they are reading: and such a course would materially widen our home acquaintance with foreign literature.

PARISIAN WEDDINGS among the humbler classes nearly always take place on a Saturday. Early in the morning may be seen large carriages with white horses and white reins, the coachmen wearing favours and white gloves, driving the bridal party to the mairie for the civil marriage, the different couples being ranged in order according to the time of their arrival. Next comes the religious ceremony, followed by the wedding breakfast, after which it is the etiquette to drive in the Bois de Boulogne, stopping for refreshment at one of the cafe. Sometimes there are from twenty to ment at one of the cafés. Sometimes there are from twenty to thirty wedding parties making the round of the lake in solemn procession. If too poor to afford a carriage, the merrymakers adjourn to the Louvre, or even to the Morgue, or one of the cemeteries. Then comes the great feature of the day, the dinner, generally at a Palais Royal restaurant, the festivities winding up with

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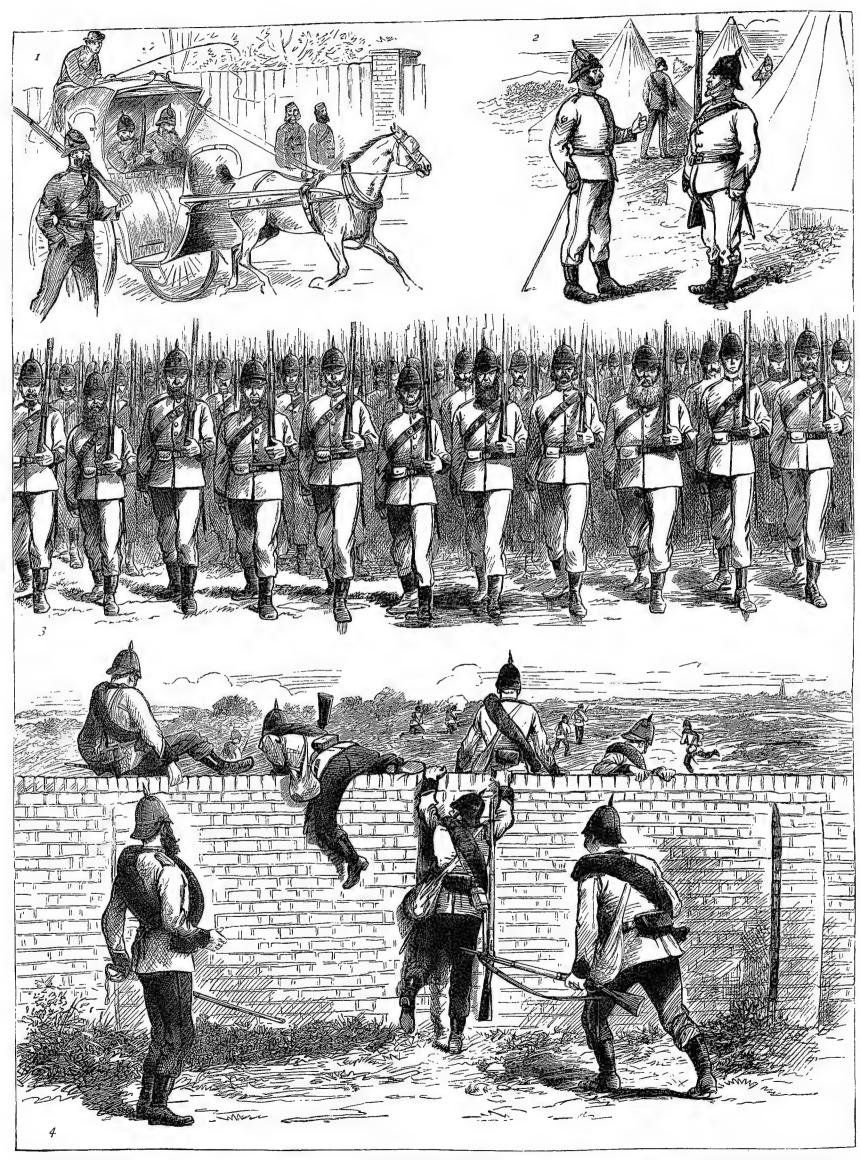
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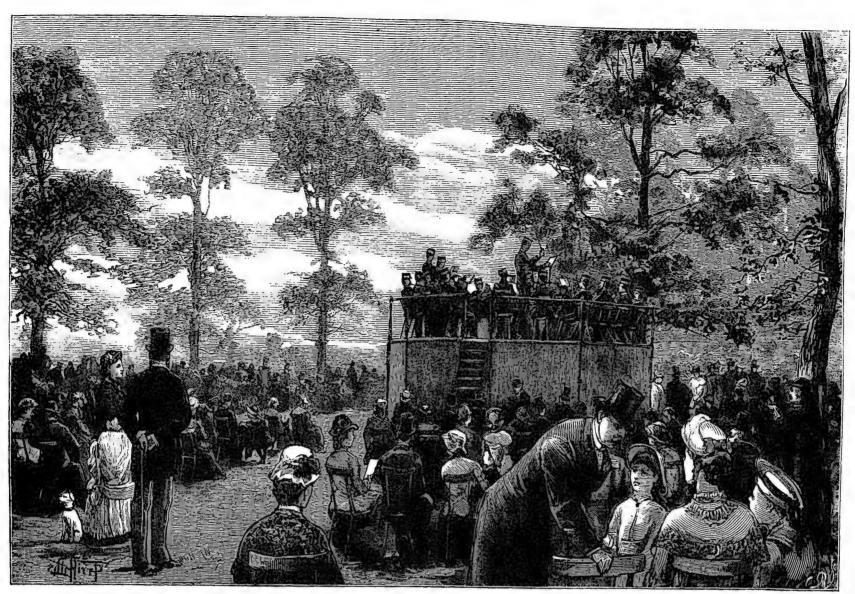
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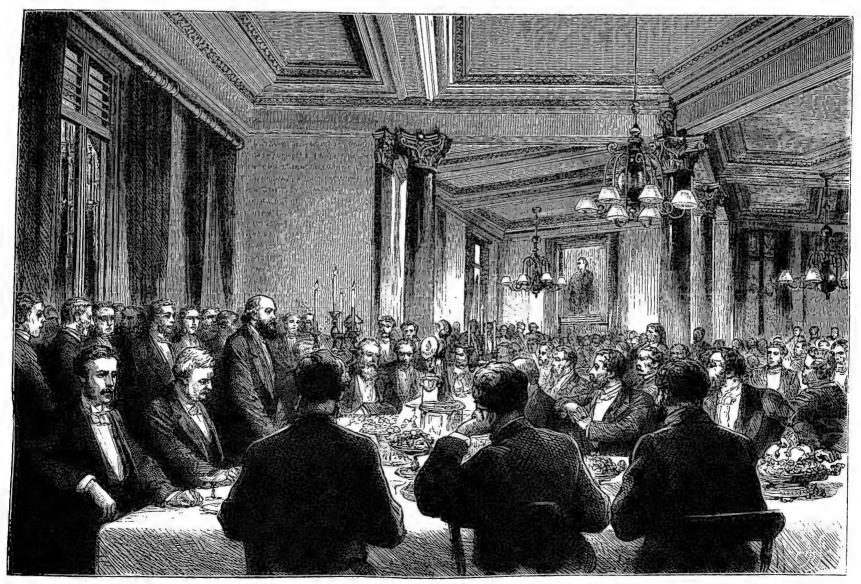
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BANQUET TO THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY AND SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE AT THE ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB

cans in which fruit, fish, and meat are now imported here from cans in which fruit, fish, and meat are now imported here from America and from our colonies may be reckoned by the million. But it is not always an easy matter to get at their contents, for the various tin-openers only do their work at the risk of torn hands and fingers. Mr. Griffin's newly-invented can may be described as self-opening. The lid is soldered to a bevelled shoulder which terminates the edge of the can. A simple blow on the top causes this shoulder to act as a wedge, the line of solder is thereupon broken, and the lid can then be lifted off.

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Mr. G. P. Yeats, of Great Malvern, sends us an interesting account of a storm which occurred at Worcester a few weeks back, and which was accompanied by the curious phenomenon of a shower of shell fish. There seems to be no doubt that a waterspout burst over the place, and there deposited its freight of living periwinkles "sweetly smelling of the sea." We regret that we have no space to quote our correspondent's communication at length.

Mr. Edmund J. Spitta, L.R.C.P., has invented a new form of mercurial thermometer, which registers both the maximum and minimum temperatures. The bulb is divided into two equal portions or limbs which stand side by side, but are connected below. From the right hand bulb rises the tube, which at a height of nine inches is bent down, and reaches nearly to the bulb. Here it is again bent upwards, and crowned with a counter-pressure bulb. So that the instrument seems to have three parallel tubes—the last merely acting as a compensating agency. The tube is filled partly with mercury and partly with spirit—the registration being effected in the usual manner by steel indicators. The instrument is said to act in a most satisfactory manner, and will doubtless be of great value to meteorological observers. It is not patented, and is manufactured by Mr. Wilson, of Wilson Street, Gray's Inn Road.

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The manufacture of a monster weapon on a new principle known as the Lyman-Haskell Multicharge gun, has been commenced at the Reading Iron Works. The bore of this novel weapon will be furnished with chambers or pockets, containing each a charge of powder, in order that the speed of the ball may be accelerated during its passage through the tube. The inventor hopes to obtain a range of from ten to twelve miles, and to be able to penetrate two feet of armour-plating. It is evident that a marksman of exceptionally good eyesight will be required for long ranges.

Mr. Galton has for some years been engaged in producing what he calls composite portraits. These he obtains by taking on one photographic plate copies of so many negatives—the latter being so accurately registered that the eyes, nose, and other features fall in the same place. Each negative has a fractional exposure before it is replaced by another, and in this way the composite picture presents

same place. Each negative has a fractional exposure before it is replaced by another, and in this way the composite picture presents the salient points of each. Such pictures will form interesting studies to the physiognomist, and also to the physician in tracing peculiarities of expression due to any particular form of mental or bodily disease. It is suggested in the *Photographic News* that the method might have a still wider application,—that photographers might be furnished with different negatives representing types of beauty, and that these should be used to blend with the images of their less gifted customers, just as faulty wine is blended with that of superior quality to make it pleasing to the taste.

T. C. H.

AGONY APPEALS FOR THE POOR CHILDREN .again arrived for the periodical appeals in the newspapers in behalf of the children of the poorest of the poor, so that they may enjoy the rare luxury of a day's outing. Such help for the helpless may as reasonably be solicited for the poor little alleyite to enable him to partake of a treat of fresh air, as that he may indulge in a feed of roast beef and plum pudding at Christmas time; but it is to be regretted for the children's sake that their friends do not state the case of their unfortunate clients in less extravagant language. They seem to be impressed with the idea that the more powerfully they at the screw on in a manner of spaking the more abundant will put the screw on, in a manner of speaking, the more abundant will be the financial yield, and the consequence is they not unfrequently be the hnancial yield, and the consequence is they not unfrequently overdo it. One gentleman, a house-to-house missionary, writes this week urging the charitable that but for timely aid "three hundred little children, the majority of whom never yet saw a green field, will be doomed to remain pent up through all the long sultry summer in these stifling courts and alleys where no verdant thing is ever seen except the stagnant kennel," while another pleader implores those who can allord it, and who have little ones of their own, "to give a little, so that the eyes of the ragged flock in his charge may for once in their miserable lives be gladdened with the sight of green hedgerows, and that they may have more convincing sight of green hedgerows, and that they may have more convincing proof than hearsay that wild birds sing in the boughs." Now to talk, in these days of public parks—and where is the district that cannot boast of one, or at all events of being within a mile or so of one? of children who have never yet seen a field or meadow, or to whom grass is a mystery, is to talk simply nonsense. And it is equally absurd to make it appear that there is to be found amongst the whole ragamussin tribe a single one old enough to enjoy a day in the country who is not well aware that there are wild chassinches and larks and linnets as well as tame, inasmuch as there is hardly a slum in all London that does not harbour a vagabond binleatcher who nets or snares for the "trade." A plain statement of the necessities of each case would answer the purpose far better than all such hysterical beseeching. Nobody gradges poor little children a day's romp in the field or forest, and there are very few who would not willingly space a trifle to exist the average are of the good work, but willingly spare a trifle to assist the promoters of the good work, but such a transparent piling up of the agony is apt to set persons of a suspicious tendency pondering.

STREET ACCIDENTS AND THEIR PREVENTION, -STREET ACCIDENTS AND THEIR PREVENTION. — It will probably not very much astonish practical-minded persons to hear that the Society for the Prevention of Street Accidents is on the verge of dissolution. The intentions of its promoters were of course highly praiseworthy, but there were many who from the first regarded the scheme as savouring somewhat of Quixotism. That street accidents are in some instances preventible no one will deny, and it is equally true that there would be a great deal more of the disaster in question were it not for the admirable police arrangements observed in all the most crowded thoroughfares of London. The especially perilous passes—and they may be counted in dozens—are guarded with much care and diligence. Seemingly at great arded with much care Seemingly and diligence. risk to their own personal safety, constables are posted in the thickest of the traffic, and exercise despotic authority over horse drivers of every degree. My Lord Fitzbattleaxe's coachman finds no more favour with the stern policeman on duty at the cross-roads near the Mansion House or at the foot of London Bridge than the humble costermonger, anxious to urge his donkey homeward with the market purchases. The inexorable man in blue has but to hold up a finger, and the vehicular line is straightway severed, and cabmen may chase and draymen may growl, but neither one nor the other dare advance a yard until the threatened tangle has been set straight, and the way is clear again. An increased number of policemen,—trained men, well acquainted with the arduous business of regulating highway traffic, would probably render the still lamentably long list of street accidents lighter than at present, but it was ably long list of street accidents lighter than at present, but it was hardly to be hoped that private enterprise, however zealous and diligent in well-doing, could effect such an improvement. In the first place, the staff of officers necessary for the service would be so large, that for mere wages hundreds of pounds a week would be required, to say nothing of the costs of police-court prosecutions which would necessarily be a formidable item of expense, and in the next place, such a scheme could never succeed unless those responsible for it worked in harmony with the police. This last could scarcely be expected. The Prevention of Street Accidents Society could carry out its humane intentions only by the

employment of private detectives who would keep an even sharper look-out than the constabulary for reckless and drunken drivers, and for ill-conditioned individuals whose wilful misconduct places the lives of the cut does not it is but netwel that and for ill-conditioned individuals whose wilful misconduct places the lives of the out-door public in danger, and it is but natural that the men of the regular police army should look with dislike on what they would regard as a meddling with their duties. Besides, after all, the two great causes of street accidents are panic and rashness on the part of the public themselves, and these are human weaknesses that no Society, however well organised, can hope to cope with or cure. cope with or cure.

COFFEE TAVERNS AT THE SEASIDE. - Friends of the coffeetavern movement will be glad to hear that it is endeavouring to push its way beyond the boundary lines originally laid down. The scheme was based on the desirability of providing the working-classes in the immediate neighbourhood of their places of employment with refreshment houses where they could take their meals in the day-time, and smoke their pines and indulgain simple games and entertaining reading. immediate neighbourhood of their places of employment with refreshment houses where they could take their meals in the day-time, and smoke their pipes, and indulge in simple games and entertaining reading, without those temptations that are inseparable from the public-house. As a safeguard against backsliding it is now proposed to establish temperance taverns at the most popular seaside resorts. [That all work and no play is not calculated to promote sprightliness in our Jacks and Jills of the labour mill is granted by the champions of "the cup that cheers," &c. At the same time they claim acceptance for an equally venerable saw—"It is good to be merry and wise." A man with his wife and family may leave London for his hard-earned holiday trip steadfastly resolved to abstain from everything more intoxicating than tea, coffee, and cocoa, but country lanes are apt to be dusty, and there is an aridness in sea air that enhances the beguiling of the publican's cool and shining measure with the foaming head, and when a thirsty soul has to pass perhaps half-a-dozen cosy dozy waysidehostelries, in front of which a signboard creaks a welcome, his staunchness is sorely tried, and he will be the more likely to yield by reason of his being able to plead circumstances over which he had no control. If matters progress as they have begun, however, this last excuse will be no longer tenable. Cowes has its coffee palace, and even modest Shanklin aspires to extinguish the demon Alcohol in the fragrant tea urn. The teetotal interest at Shanklin may be limited, but it is actuated by principles that, if more pretentious towns and cities emulated them, would prevent much loss and disappointment. The promoters of the "Dorking Coffee Tavern Company" at Shanklin have neither the hope nor the desire to make any profit out of the venture. Indeed, as the good vicar expresses it, to make the affair a financial success would be one of the worst things that out of the venture. Indeed, as the good vicar expresses it, to make the affair a financial success would be one of the worst things that the affair a financial success would be one of the worst inings that could happen. To quote from the rev. gentleman's speech as reported in the Shanklin Weekly News, "when he saw a thing flourishing and bringing in its twenty-five per cent., he began to doubt after all whether there was any great moral good attending it; and he could not help thinking that the Wicked One winked at such an undertaking, on the ground that the greater the success of the movement the greater the danger of those engaged in it failing through an undertaking, on the ground that the greater the success of the movement the greater the danger of those engaged in it failing through acquiring an inordinate love of money." There are companies in the metropolis who would have no objection to the Wicked One winking himself into a condition of hopeless ophthalmia could they secure half the handsome dividend hinted at.



THE LORE OF THE LILY.—As June is the month of rose, so ay July be claimed as the lily month. The connection between may July be claimed as the lily month. The connection between the flower and the season is natural, most lilies being in full flower Tradition has entwined this, as in the old distich,

### Against St. Swithun's hasty showers The Lily white reigns queen of the flowers.

This connection, like several others, is sanctified by religious custom. This connection, like several others, is sanctified by religious custom. The festival of the Visitation, occurring on the 2nd July, was naturally appropriate for decking the churches with lilies, the dedication of the flower to the Blessed Virgin being of very early date, and probably taking its origin from the old fancy which Coventry Patmore has enshrined in the lines,

### Our Lady, full of grace, Who left the fily in her body's lien.

In the Greek Church, at marriage ceremonies, the bride and bridegroom are crowned by the priest with a wreath of lilies interwoven with wheat-ears. Prosperity and purity of life are symbolised, but the custom is probably a Pagan survival rather than a Christian rite. In Germany the lily and the white rose are regarded as emblems of the disembodied soul, and one of these flowers, so popular tradition avers, has often been found, left by no mortal hand, on the favourite chair of one soon to die. It is regarded as very unfortunate to fall when carrying a lily, an idea in which once more may be traced that connection between the lily and purity which Nature itself has

FERNS.—Have any of our readers tried propagating ferns from cuttings of the fronds? We recently cut off about three inches of a bipinnate frond. The *pinnæ* of one side were cut off, the rib laid lengthwise, with its extremities a little deeper in the soil, and an inverted tumbler put over to keep it moist. In a short time, small fronds were developed from the base of the remaining *pinnæ*.

A NEW MANURE is coming into use in France. It is made of rags, under some special process, whereby they are steamed and compressed through the action of powerful engines, and under great heat. The Journal d'Agriculture Practique, a most conservative and cautious magazine in matters agricultural, gives the "Azotine" high praise, expressing an opinion (after practical appropriate that to a large extent it may replace the despressions. experiments) that to a large extent it may replace the dearer guano. If our contemporary is exact in its experiments, azotine may turn out a valuable discovery.

-The market for hops during June was rather busy, and Hops.demand has been in advance of the supply. Prices vary from 4%. 15s. to 3% 8s. for Kentish, from 4%. 10s. to 7% for Sussex, and from 7%. 15% to 9% for Worcester hops. The condition of the from 7/. 15/. to 9/. for worcester nops. The condition of the gardens in the various hop-growing districts has improved considerably of late, and, although the crop may not be a very large one, a full yield is generally anticipated. We are scriy to say that a rather serious acreage of hop-land is farmed but poorly, so that the advantages of soil and weather are by no means made the most of.

advantages of soil and weather are by no means made the MAY-MAKING is proceeding with the utmost activity. The cut on the upland pastures is very light, but riverside and low-lying land yields well. Clover is not generally dense or heavy, yet quite excellent fields are by no means infrequent. The hay crop is excellent fields are by no means infrequent. The hay crop is healthy, good, palatable food this year, and this will go a long way towards atoning for some deficiency in bulk.

POTATOES have come very irregularly; the dry weather must needs tell upon the crop. In a few districts this crop is well spoken of, but, on the whole, hopes are not high.

AUSTRALIAN TREFOIL.—A Sussex correspondent tells us he sowed in April last a small patch of Australian trefoil or shamrock, and it was fully ready to be mown on the 1st of July. He reports that those who have seen it say they have never seen anything else produce so much feed in so short a space of time.

THE DAIRY.—We understand that Mr. Thomas Carrick has established at Low Row, near Brampton, a large model dairy.

Visitors, by writing beforehand, can be admitted to view the operations, and we hope the venture will prove instructive to many Northern farmer. The Schwartz system will be used in the dairy.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY has lost over a hundred members in the past year. This is a grave matter, indicating an increasing state of agricultural depression.

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Penrith Farmers' Club has made a strong protest against the exclusion of Cumberland and Westmoreland farmers from the Scotch cattle markets. When cattle disease was raging in Cumberland the restrictions had every justification; but the hereditary jealousies of the two sides of the Border should not be allowed to perpetuate a grievous restraint long after the actual execution for the measure in question has become extinct. occasion for the measure in question has become extinct,

occasion for the measure in question has become extrict.

THE GENTLE ART.—A consignment of two thousand young fry of trout have arrived at Sunbury from Huddersfield. They were a free gift to the Thames from Mr. Littlewood. They have been placed in the Thames in the most healthy condition. There was no loss in their removal, nor has there been since their introduction to their new home.—Mr. Thomas Ford has just written a little and their new home. loss in their removal, nor has there been since their introduction to their new home.—Mr. Thomas Ford has just written a little work on "Trout Fishing," which brother enthusiasts will doubtle appreciate. The author is especially great in mountain and "burn fishing, which is, perhaps, the most "brisk" branch of the art; at the same time no description of fishing needs more care and craft on the part of the angler.—The high price of fish, and the monopoly established by leading dealers, have excited so much dissatisfaction this season that Parliament is likely to be moved on the subject. The St. James's Vestry (Westminster) have decided to demand the abolition of the monopoly of inlets within seven miles round London now claimed by the City Corporation. round London now claimed by the City Corporation.



QUILTER v. MAPLESON.—The decision given by Lord Coleridge in this case on Monday will have the effect of making lesses look more sharply after the minor covenants of their leases, which sometimes are taken more to be a matter of form than they really are. Mr. Mapleson, as lessee of the Italian Opera House in the Haymarket, for a time allowed the policies of insurance on the theatre to lapse; and although at the present time the premiums have been paid, and the building is fully insured, the Court has decided that the lease has been forfeited on account of the omission to fulfil, even for a time, the special covenant in the lease regarding -The decision given by Lord Cole QUILTER v. MAPLESON .decided that the lease has both the following the special covenant in the lease regarding insurance. The decision seems specially hard upon Mr. Mapleson, insurance. insurance. The decision seems specially hard upon Mr. Mapleson, who doubtless had a large premium to pay on taking over the lease, which is now sacrificed.

-Another case of considerable ALTERING BANK NOTES .-ALTERING BANK NOTES.—Another case of considerable interest and importance to the mercantile community came before Lord Coleridge on the same day. Some Bank of England notes had been issued in payment of forged bills of exchange. The forgers, after getting possession of the bank notes, in order to render them more difficult to trace to their hands, altered the numbers of the notes before putting them in circulation. On presentation of the notes at the Bank by bond fide holders payment was refused. The question to be decided was as to whether the merc alteration of the numbers could be reckoned an alteration in a "material particular." Lord Coleridge was of opinion it was not, and gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs. Bankers hitherto have been in the habit of recording the numbers of all the notes they issue, but if the numbers of notes can be altered with impunity one of the safeguards against fraud is thereby removed.

A SANGUINE VIEW .--Mr. Justice Williams cheered the hearts A SANGUINE VIEW.—Mr. Justice Williams cheered the hearts of litigants the other day by saying that he saw no reason why the Courts at Westminster should not be able during the present sittings entirely to clear away all the business ready for hearing. If this can really be accomplished—and who is better able to judge than his lordship?—it will say much for the steady hard work of the Rench when the yest arrears at the beginning of the year are con-Bench, when the vast arrears at the beginning of the year are considered. Before the end of this month, too, fourteen of our judges go from Westminster on circuit, leaving only five in town, there being still a vacant seat on the Bench. If Mr. Justice Williams's prediction is really to be verified, the Courts will have a busy time during these hot July days.

-It is high time that the bullies so fre-RAILWAY ASSAULTS .-RAILWAY ASSAULTS.—It is high time that the bullies so irequently met in railway carriages should receive a sharp lesson, such as might act as a deterrent on all similarly disposed. An atrocious case of this kind came before the Warrington Police Court the other day. The prosecutor, a clergyman named Holt, was travelling in a third-class carriage between Liverpool and Manchester. The prisoner, a manufacturer of ice creams, was in the same compartment. The latter jostled the clergyman, and on being politely appropriated with struck Mr. Holt three violent blows that stunned remonstrated with struck Mr. Holt three violent blows that stunned him, blood flowing freely from his head, and then placed himself so that no one could touch the communicating-cord with the guard. In cases of this sort the usual plea is insanity or drunkeness. In the present instance drunkenness was urged. Two months' hard labour is surely too light a sentence for such an offence. On Monday evening an assault of a similar nature was committed in a third-class carriage on the Brighton line between New Comment Complex. class carriage on the Brighton line between New Cross and Croydon.
The Brighton Railway Company are prosecuting.
STEAM TRICYCLES.—The perils of our highways for pedes-

trians are numerous enough already without adding new dangers. It comes, therefore, as a piece of good news to pedestrians that steam tricycles, according to the Lord Chief Justice's decision, are under the operation of the Locomotive Acts, and must accordingly be attended by three persons, and must not go at a greater speed than two miles an hour.

OUR NEIGHBOUR'S CATS. How far a householder persecuted by his neighbour's pets has the right of exercising chastisement, or executing summary revenge, is a question that in England opens up a vista of tedious and costly legal proceedings. A case came before the Sheriff at Airdrie a few days ago, in which a man was sued for the Sperin at Airdite a few days ago, in which a man was sued for destroying his neighbour's favourite cat. It was, however, proved that the cat was caught in the act of killing some chickens, and was drowned for its misdeeds. The Sheriff thought the sentence of death was just, refused damages, and found the defender entitled to expenses. Sentiment does not count for much in legal matters north of the Tweed.

NEWSPAPER LIBELS. — The waste of time in our Courts consumed in deciding cases of newspaper libels has frequently and most necessarily been commented upon.

The proposed Newspaper libels and Registration Assistance and Registr Libel and Registration Act has a very important and sensible clause bearing on this subject. It is to the effect that the consent of the Attorney-General must be obtained before criminal proceedings can be taken against any proprietor, publisher, or editor of a newspaper. It is to be hoped, in the interest of the public and of the Press, that the Act may speedily become law. the Act may speedily become law.

RECKLESS DRIVING is causing great annoyance in Hong-Kong, the obstructions being, however, no wheeled vehicles, but the Japanese jinrishkas or hand-carriages, which crowd the streets, and hustle the passers-by most unceremoniously. Over seventeen Coolies were fined in one single day for reckless driving, and moreover these *jinrishka* drivers wage pitched battles for the possession of any desirable fare, such as strangers to Hong-Kong.

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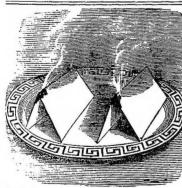
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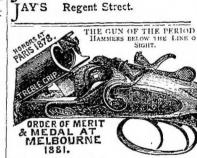
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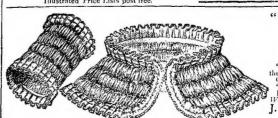
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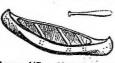
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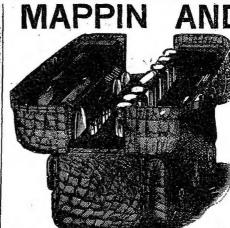
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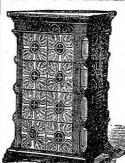
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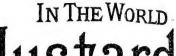
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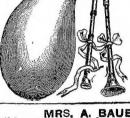
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